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## Simple Recycling comes to Canton

Canton has entered into a contract with Simple Recycling and will begin offering curbside pickup of clothing and small household items starting in mid-November.

Simple Recycling is a for-profit recycler that is committed to offering residents the most simple and easy way to keep usable materials from the landfill.

Items accepted for collection include but are not limited to; men, women and children's clothing, coats and jackets, jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, toys, pictures, mirrors, blankets, drapes/curtains, pillows, sleeping bags, small appliances (such as toasters and coffee makers), irons, radios, lamps, hairdryers, tools, silverware, dishes, pots/pans, glasses, and backpacks.

The program is free of charge and simple to use. Before the first collection, residents will receive two bags and tags from Simple Recycling in the mail.

Place the items you wish to discard into the bags and set them out on the curb by 6:30 a.m. on your regular refuse collection day. Simple Recycling materials should be placed on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse and set apart from recycling bins and yard waste containers. Any item that does not fit into the bags will need to be tagged. Simple Recycling will not pick up any item left outside of the bag without a tag on it.

Information on the program will be mailed to residents this month. For more information or to ask a question follow Canton's Municipal Services Department on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cantonmsd](http://www.facebook.com/cantonmsd).

## Rizzo's holiday collection schedule

Residents are advised to make note of the Rizzo Environmental Services collection schedule during the holiday months.

**November:** Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, Rizzo will not collect refuse, recycling or yard waste on Thursday, November 24. Residents whose collection date falls on the 24 will have their refuse, recycling and yard-waste collected on Friday, November 25.

**Please note, curbside pickup of residential yard waste will end Thursday, December 2 and will not resume until April, 2017.**

**December:** Because Christmas and New Year's Day both fall on Sunday this year, there will be no change to Rizzo's collection schedule. Rizzo will be collecting Monday-Thursday the week of Christmas and New Year's.

For questions or more information on solid waste collection, please visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call Rizzo at 866/772-8900.

## Fire Station Open House

The Canton Fire Department will be hosting its annual Fire Station Open House on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Fire Station #1, located at 1100 S. Canton Center Road.

This year's Open House will include: vehicle displays, station tours, and the opportunity for kids to spray water from a fire hose and try on fire gear. Hot dogs, beverages and giveaways will be provided. The department's Fire Safety House will also be open for kids to explore.

The Open House is being held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week (October 9-15) to promote fire safety in the community. For more information, call the Canton Fire Department office at 394-5455.

# This Month in Canton

# NEWS

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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## Changes to merit ordinance proposed

Canton voters will find a local referendum question at the very end of the ballot at the November 8, general election which proposes to amend the Township's ordinance governing the Merit system for full-time, non-union employees.

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. The Merit Ordinance has not been updated since it was originally approved by the voters in 1978, and as you can imagine, the Township's hiring processes, wages, fringe benefits, technology and the community itself are vastly different.

The Merit system has been in place since 1978, when Canton Township electors opted to create the civil service, or merit, system. Authority to enact a merit system is set forth in the Michigan constitution.

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 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](http://www.canton-mi.org/209/Clerks-Office). Questions about the proposed amendment may be directed to the Township Supervisor's office at 394-5185.

## Neighborhood Know-How

The next Neighborhood Know-How will take place on Thursday, November 17, at 6:30 p.m. at Summit on the Park.

Tentative topics include:

- Canton's role with Homeowner's Associations
- Updating by-laws
- Understanding the Ordinance Enforcement process
- Q & A with Township staff

In addition, we will have time for board members to break into groups based on their position – president, treasurer, etc. – to share ideas and solutions with other associations.

To RSVP, please call the Supervisor's office at 394-5185.

## Chamber Consumer Expo – October 20

The Canton Chamber of Commerce hosts a Consumer Expo each year at the Summit on the Park. The expo features over 60 businesses including 10 restaurants that display their items and services. The expo gives participants the opportunity to let Canton area businesses and residents know about their goods and services. The expo is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Chamber Office at 453-4040 or email [cwalker@cantonchamber.com](mailto:cwalker@cantonchamber.com)

## Final Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collection

The Wayne County Department of Public Service will hold its final Household Hazardous Waste Collection for 2016 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.

For more information call 734/326-3936 or visit [www.waynecounty.com](http://www.waynecounty.com).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Form your golf league at Pheasant Run

Seeking a great course for your golf league? Pheasant Run provides three championship nines for players of all skill levels.

Golf Leagues at Pheasant Run receive many great benefits such as Pro Shop and food/beverage discounts, pre/post-league green fee specials and discounted range fees on your scheduled league day. Our Fore Star Grill provides a great post-round, back drop to enjoy your favorite beverage and great food from our fantastic menu.

For more information, call the Pro Shop at 397-6460

## Pickleball play day scheduled

All ages are encouraged to try one of the fastest growing games in the nation at Canton's free Pickleball Play Day, on Sunday, October 23 from 12 - 2 p.m. at Freedom Park, located at Sheldon and Palmer Roads. Participants can take part in mini-clinics; equipment and instruction will be provided. Although day-of walk-ons are welcome, registration is encouraged by emailing [cott@canton-mi.org](mailto:cott@canton-mi.org).

For additional information, call the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600 or visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org).

## Canton Farmers Market fall offerings

Fall has officially arrived at the Canton Farmers Market with the debut of delicious fresh cider, a variety of apples, pumpkins, squash, and mums! Visit the Market every Sunday through October 16 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., rain or shine, at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

October 16 brings the last Market of the season and some special harvest-themed fun for families. A professional pumpkin carver will demonstrate his talents on site. A petting zoo and new bouncer will keep little visitors busy. The first 50 children that check in at the Market Kids tent will receive a free pumpkin. The Master Gardener Volunteers will also host a perennial exchange at their Market booth through October 9.

The Canton Farmers Market Master Gardener Volunteer Group will be also hosting a perennial exchange through October 9.

For weekly Market details, go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) and click on farmers market.

## Pheasant Run fall rates in effect

Golf is still in full swing at Pheasant Run Golf Club and fall rates are now in effect. Enjoy 18 holes Monday - Friday for \$36 per person with a cart and on Saturday and Sunday for \$45.

Senior rates Monday - Friday are \$28. Don't forget the Twilight rate is just \$25 after 5 p.m. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 397-6460 or book your next tee time at [www.golfprgc.org](http://www.golfprgc.org).

## In the CLS Spotlight

### Experience the Arts

Canton Leisure Services fosters a love for the arts through visual and performing arts at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. The 400-seat entertainment venue is home to local and national performers, artists, and crafters. During any day of the week you can walk in to the theater and see actors practicing lines, techs working sound, quilters making beautiful pieces, or artists staging their next exhibit.

As the 2016/2017 season gets under way, all ages are invited to be immersed in both the visual and performing arts. Soon, the theater will raise the curtain on many exciting acts including: the Swing City Big Band, Spotlight Players, Canton Concert Band, Detroit Circus, Larry Callahan & Selected of God Gospel Concert, and the Cashore Marionettes. These, among dozens of other performances, as well as monthly art exhibitions, serve as great opportunities for you to experience the arts in an inviting setting. To see how you can enter the creative world of performing and visual arts, visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Indoor volleyball teams wanted

Volleyball registration is now open for registration for six-person adult teams in Co-ed Competitive, Co-ed Recreational and Women's teams.

Co-ed Competitive and Women's league will play on Friday evenings starting November 4 at the Summit on the Park. Co-ed Recreational will play on Sunday evenings at the Summit starting in January. For league pricing and other information, please call the Canton Sports Center at 483-5600 or email [coralee.ott@canton-mi.org](mailto:coralee.ott@canton-mi.org).

## Canton Historical Society Ghost Stories

Families can take in the Canton Historical Society's Ghost Stories with Judge Ron Lowe on Saturday, October 29. Suitable for ages 8 and up, this scary event will take place from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Cady-Boyer Barn, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road.

A night of spine-tingling tales awaits those brave enough to attend. Tickets include cider and two donuts and can be purchased at the Summit on the Park front desk, the White Pole Barn on Sundays during the Canton Farmers Market and at the door, if supplies last. For more information, visit [www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org).

## Annual Salute To Service event

Canton is proud to honor area servicemen and women who have served and are currently serving in our Armed Forces. The public is encouraged to attend this FREE community event on Friday, November 11 starting at 7 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Doors will open at 6 p.m.

We are asking for email submissions of name, rank and branch of service of area servicemen and women. Please email this information to [pkosbe@canton-mi.org](mailto:pkosbe@canton-mi.org) by Friday, October 28, for inclusion in our scrolling video tribute.

This year's distinguished Keynote Speaker will be Lt. Col. Charles Kettles, who was recently presented the Medal of Honor by President Obama for acts of valor during the Vietnam War.

For additional information, please visit [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Howl at the Moon event

Come one, come all, come on four legs to the Canton Dog Park's annual Howl at the Moon event on Saturday, October 15 from 5-7 p.m. for area dog-owners and their pets.

This event will take place at the Canton Dog Park, located on Denton Road, north of Cherry Hill Road. No Dog Park membership is required to take part in this free event; however, participants who are not current Canton Dog Park members must present valid proof of their dog's up-to-date distemper and rabies vaccinations from an accredited veterinarian for entry.

There will be a dog costume contest and more for you and your pet to enjoy, as well as plenty of vendors with products available for purchase, and giveaways – while supplies last. For more information, visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org).

## Seniors Safe, Sound and Secure seminar

Canton seniors are invited to learn more about personal safety on November 2 from 12-3 p.m. at the Summit on the Park. Presented by Canton Public Safety, this free seminar will help you learn new techniques to keep you and your family safe.

This event is sponsored by Canton Public Safety and will also feature fire safety information. Lunch will be provided by Katherine's Catering at the Summit. Registration is required to participate. For more information and to register, call Canton Club 55+ at 394-5485.

## Summit swim lessons

Start your school year off with a splash by enrolling your little one for swim lessons at the Summit on the Park, which offers year-round lessons in our indoor Aquatic Center.

The next session for Parent Child and Preschool Swim Lessons will start the week of October 30. Our aquatic programs teach basic water safety skills to children 6 months to 5 years of age. Register today at [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org) or call 394-5460 to get started.

## 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

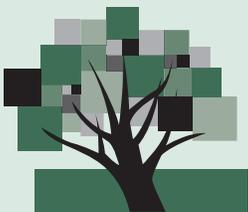
**Summit on the Park**  
394-5460

**Ordinance Enforcement**  
394-5335

**Rizzo Environmental Services**  
866/772-8900

**Canton Public Library**  
397-0999

**Village Theater at Cherry Hill**  
394-5300



## The November 8 General Election is quickly approaching

The last day to register to vote for the November 8 election is October 11.

The Clerk's office anticipates a very large turnout on Election Day. Precinct buildings will be crowded and some will be under construction. The Clerk's office is unable to relocate these facilities, so we ask that you please plan ahead; you may be able to save yourself time at a precinct if you opt to vote using an absentee ballot.

You can elect to get an absentee ballot application by calling the Clerk's office at 394-5120 or by visiting the Canton website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org), Voter Information button, Absentee Voting tab, and downloading an application for an absentee ballot using the links located on the page.

You must return your completed Absentee Voter Ballot Application before you will be issued a ballot. On the application you will need to check one of six reasons in order to qualify:

1. I am 60 years of age or older.
2. I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
3. I am an appointed precinct worker in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
4. I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
5. I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
6. I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

The Clerk's office will be open Saturday, November 5, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to issue absentee ballots to residents who appear in person. On Monday, November 7, absentee ballots may be issued until 4 p.m. in person, and must be voted in the building and returned. Anyone picking up their absentee ballot in person must present appropriate picture identification. You may only pick up your ballot. You may not pick up a ballot for another registered voter.

## Halloween Trick or Treat Parade returns

Little princesses, pirates and Pokémon characters are invited to join Canton Leisure Services for the annual Halloween Trick or Treat Parade through the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, on Friday, October 28 from 4 -7 p.m. Children ages 10 and younger are encouraged to attend in costume and follow the spooktacular path from room to room, each filled with special surprises and little goodies.

The parade features a not-so-scary walk through our trick or treat path that ends with an optional Scary Haunted House. Parents are responsible for the direct supervision of their children during this special event. Tickets will only be sold in advance of the event starting October 1, for \$5 per child for Summit members and \$6 for Canton residents. From October 15-27, non-resident tickets will be available for \$10 per child. A limited amount of tickets for designated timeslots will be available for purchase beginning October 1 at the Summit Front Desk, while supplies last. Please note that all ticket sales will end October 27 at 10 p.m. Kids of all ages planning to trick or treat and collect goodies during the event must have a ticket/collection bag.

For more information, please visit [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) or call 394-5460.

## Trivia Fundraiser

Come to an evening of laughs, prizes, raffles, and teamwork as Canton Newcomers and Neighbors host an exciting Trivia Night Fundraiser at Tony Sacco's, 1663 N. Canton Center Road, on Wednesday, October 5.

Bring a team of four or we'll put you on a team. Open to the public; this is an event you won't want to miss! Registration opens at 6 p.m.; games start promptly at 6:45 p.m. Entry fee is \$20 per person. Everyone has a chance to win cash prizes, gift baskets, gift cards and multiple door prizes. This event is sponsored by Bovitz CPA, P.C.

For information contact Betty Nolan, [bnolan101@aol.com](mailto:bnolan101@aol.com) or visit [www.cantonwomen.com](http://www.cantonwomen.com).



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# FOCUS

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### OCTOBER

- 3** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 4** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 6** Pumpkin Patch in the Pool. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Summit Aquatic Center.
- 11** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 13** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Canton Clean Up: Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 15** Fire Station Open House. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 1100 Canton Center S.
- 18** Board of Trustees Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 19** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 19** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 24** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 25** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 28** Trick or Treat Parade. 4 – 7 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 29** Canton Clean Up and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.

### NOVEMBER

- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 8** Board of Trustees Board Meeting. Canceled.
- 10** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 11** Veteran's Day. Administration building closed.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### OCTOBER ARTIST

24th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition  
Now - October 29

40 works of art representing the work of 34 artists have been selected by juror EmmaJean Woodyard for this year's exhibition.

### OCTOBER 10

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.

### OCTOBER 20-23

The Haunting of Billop House. PG-13 Adult Thriller. Spotlight Still Got It Players. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$18

### OCTOBER 28

Jazz In The Key of Life. Swing City Big Band. 7:30 p.m. \$12.

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

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