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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 pick-up of residential yard waste will end Thursday, December 1 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 or call Rizzo at 866/772-8900.

Canton salutes area Service Men and Women

Canton will once again continue its tradition of honoring area servicemen and women who have served or are currently serving in military service during our "Salute To Service" event. Join us on Friday, November 11, as we salute all veterans, living and deceased and those currently serving in harm's way at this special Veterans Day celebration at The Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and this FREE event will begin at 7 p.m. This year's distinguished keynote speaker will be retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Charles Kettles, who recently received the Medal of Honor from President Barack Obama. In addition, Michigan Military Moms will be on site collecting care package donations, such as: Beef jerky; individual size packets of nuts, snacks, crackers, cookies and soups; drink packets to add to water bottles; socks; foot powder; toiletries; baby wipes; and Q-tips. In addition, monetary donations will also be accepted to offset the \$18 mailing costs per box. Please note that all items must be small enough to fit a 12" x 12" x 8" U.S. Priority box.

Military memorabilia will also be on display during the event. Visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org for additional event details. For more information, call 394-5300.

International Festival to celebrate cultural diversity

Experience music, dance, and drama from around the world when Canton's International Festival returns to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, November 19. This cultural and educational festival, held from 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., offers participants entertainment and experiences celebrating diverse customs and traditions on The Village Theater's main stage, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Countries represented this year, include: China, India, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand, Polynesia, Tahiti, and the United States. Numerous cultural exhibits will be featured in our lobby and cultural items will be available for purchase during the event. Enjoy an International Sweets Table where favorite International desserts from Metro Area shops and Bakeries will be available. This event is presented by the all-volunteer Multicultural Committee of Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage. Bring the whole family and travel the globe through music, dance and more! Tickets are just \$2 at the door. For more information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

This Month in Canton

Simple Recycling

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Simple Recycling collection begins November 7

Beginning Monday, November 7, the following items will be accepted at the curb by Simple Recycling: 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.

Simple Recycling is a for-profit recycler committed to offering residents the easiest way to keep usable materials from the landfill. The program is free of charge and simple to use.

Step 1: Place clothing, shoes and home goods into the green bags provided by Simple Recycling. Simple Recycling will also provide residents with tags for larger items that will not fit inside the bags.

Step 2: Place your bags at the curb on your regular 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.

Step 3: A Simple Recycling truck will collect the bags and recycle the items for reuse.

Please note, only items placed inside the bags or tagged with Simple Recycling labels will be collected. Simple Recycling will not pick up anything left outside of the bag or untagged.

All of the materials collected are graded and sorted locally based on quality and condition. The top quality materials will be resold to local thrift outlets, mid-grade is exported to international markets and "unusable" items are processed for raw materials.

Last month, residents were mailed two Simple Recycling bags and two tags for larger items by mail. For every bag Simple Recycling collects, a new bag will be left, usually they are tied to the handle of a refuse bin.

Additional bags can be obtained by visiting www.simplerecycling.com, calling 866/835-5068 or emailing info@simplerecycling.com.

For questions or more information please call Canton's Public Works Division at 397-1011 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

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 to share ideas and solutions with other associations. To RSVP, please call the Supervisor's office at 394-5185.

Prescription drug drop box

The Canton Police Department has installed a permanent Prescription Drug Drop Box in the lobby of the Public Safety Administration Building, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This box is available to the public 24/7 for dropping off **pills only, no liquids or needles**. Large pill bottles will not fit in the slot, so pills should be emptied into a plastic bag for disposal. The permanent drug box was purchased with grant funding in response to the high demand of residents seeking a safe method of prescription drug disposal.

Seniors: Safe, Sound and Secure seminar

Canton Public Safety is partnering with Canton Leisure Services to bring back its annual Seniors: Safe, Sound and Secure seminar on Wednesday, November 2, from 12 - 3 p.m., at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

This year's free seminar includes guest speakers from Comfort Keepers, Community Emergency Response Team and the Canton Police and Fire Departments.

Lunch and dessert are provided. Space is limited; call 394-5485 for reservations.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Gourmet Thanksgiving dinners

Katherine's Catering, the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center's caterer, is offering a 10-person Thanksgiving Dinner package for just \$225!

With so much going on this time of year, we've made it easier for you to celebrate and enjoy time with your family. Dinner includes: carved turkey breast, roasted vegetables, bistro vegetables; traditional bread stuffing; mashed potatoes; harvest salad; corn muffins and butter croissants; pumpkin and apple crumble pies.

Orders must be placed by 5 p.m. November 18. For more details including substitutions, add-ons, additional pricing and pick-up/delivery information, please visit www.katherines.com.

Canton Historical Museum exhibit

Come check out the Canton Historical Museum's new display, "What is This? A Guessing Game Exhibit," during November.

You'll get to see a room full of random artifacts, guess what they are, and then learn the answer and history behind each one!

Hours are Tuesdays 1- 4 p.m., Wednesdays 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. -3 p.m., at 1022 Canton Center Road (schoolhouse building). Want to book a scout troop or school tour? Email chsmuseum@gmail.com for more information.

Try ExpressRide today!

If you work in downtown Ann Arbor or at the University of Michigan, then ExpressRide may be for you!

ExpressRide, brought to you by The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, is non-stop service from Canton to downtown Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan Central and Medical Campuses. You can board the ExpressRide from a free, convenient Park & Ride lot in Canton. The buses have free Wi-Fi and comfortable seating. When boarding the bus, have your pass, ticket or cash ready.

A one-way cash fare is \$6.25. However, if you ride regularly, you can purchase a ten-ride ticket for \$62.50 or a 30-day commuter pass for \$125. Some businesses are eligible for discounted passes. For more information, including route details, please visit myexpressride.org.

In the spotlight at The Village Theater

The Detroit Circus returns for a New Year's Eve show on Saturday, December 31, at 7 p.m. Talented performers will dazzle you with their high-flying aerial antics, fire dancing and eating, stilt walking and acrobatics, juggling, feats of strength and acro-balance, as well as a variety of sideshow acts. Each ticket includes one non-alcoholic drink and one popcorn, plus pre-show activities such as: face painting, temporary tattoos, photo-ops and strolling circus entertainers starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

To order tickets or for more details, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 394-5300.

In the CLS Spotlight

Thanksgiving traditions at the Turkey Trot

This year marks 14 years of area residents putting on their running shoes and hitting the pavement during Canton's Annual Turkey Trot for a Cause. This 5K chipped-timed holiday tradition, held on Thanksgiving Day, serves as a great opportunity to get physically active before partaking in a cornucopia of tasty and often calorie-filled foods.

In addition, it also serves to support the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan which empowers individuals with seizure management tools. The beautiful course leads nearly 1,500 participants around the Summit on the Park, Heritage Park, and Pheasant Run Golf Club. Whether you are a pint-sized trotter, a walker, or winter warrior runner, this is a great opportunity to start your Thanksgiving off on the right foot! To get in on the holiday action, just lace up your shoes and make a difference with one simple act of registering online at www.canton-mi.org/919 and get signed up today.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Annual Tree Lighting celebration

Kick off the holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting Event on Wednesday, December 7 from 6 – 8:30 p.m. The 'official' tree will be lit by the Summit on the Park at 6:30 p.m. and special festivities will take place both indoors and outdoors.

Join us for live reindeer, seasonal entertainment, kids' crafts, a holiday artisan and vendor marketplace for shopping, refreshments, and visits with Santa!

No pre-registration necessary as wristbands are sold on site. Fees are \$3 for Canton residents and \$4 for non-residents. New this year, pre-purchase non-refundable wristbands at the Summit Front Desk from November 23 through December 6 at 10 p.m. for \$2.50 for Canton residents and \$3.50 for non-residents.

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

Support the Canton Goodfellows

Canton Goodfellows and Canton Leisure Services are teaming up to help brighten the holidays for Canton's neediest children, and are in need of help in a number of ways.

Purchase a ticket for the Canton Goodfellows Magic and Comedy Show taking place at 8 p.m. on Saturday, November 5 at The Village Theater. Tickets are on sale for \$30 per person and include light food and soft drinks. A cash bar and silent auction will also be available.

Show your support by sponsoring a child or an entire family that you purchase clothing and gifts for. Child sizes, ages, gender and a reasonable "gift wish" are provided to help you select gifts.

Make a donation, large or small by dropping off a new, unwrapped toy or gift card from November 17 – December 2 to the Summit on the Park or to the Leisure Services administrative offices located in the Canton Administration Building. Please help us bring joy to the less fortunate in our community this holiday season.

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

Santa Breakfast

Bring the entire family to the Summit on the Park to enjoy a wonderful breakfast with Santa Claus, Saturday, December 3, from 9 -11 a.m.

During the breakfast, kids can share their wish list with Santa, create a winter craft, and enjoy a Christmas story time. All children will receive a holiday souvenir, crayons, and placemat. Parents are encourage to bring a camera.

Online registration is not available. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Summit on the Park during normal business hours. Ticket sales begin November 1, and will conclude December 1. Ticket prices for ages three and under are \$4.25 for Canton residents and \$5.25 for non-residents; 4-12 year olds are \$15.25 for residents and \$18.25 for non-residents; ages 13 and up are \$19.25 for residents and \$23.25 for non-residents. Seating is reserved by table location only on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call 394-5460.

Letters to Santa

Once again, Canton Leisure Services has made special arrangements with our friends at the North Pole and the U.S. Post Office to deliver your wish list to Santa. To mail your letter to Santa, please drop it in our North Pole Express Mailbox in the Summit on the Park lobby from November 1 - 30.

Santa asks that you print your name and address clearly so he may reply to your letter. Each household will receive a return letter and Santa will take care of the postage. Canton residents only please. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Swim with Santa

Start your holidays off with a splash and Swim with Santa at the Summit on the Park on Saturday, December 3, from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., with free Open Swim to follow. Participants will have a chance to share their wish list with the jolly old man and will also receive a keepsake photo.

Fees are \$14 for Summit Members, \$18 for Canton residents and \$24 for non-residents. Register online today at www.summitonthepark.org. For additional details, call 394-5460.

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

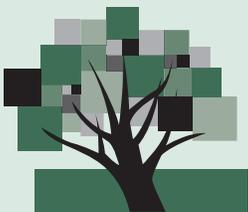
Summit on the Park
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Ordinance Enforcement
394-5335

Rizzo Environmental Services
866/772-8900

Canton Public Library
397-0999

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
394-5300



Meeting rooms open for 2017 reservations

Canton 501(c) (3) groups can start submitting meeting room requests online for 2017.

Simply go to <http://www.canton-mi.org/Facilities/Facility/Details/Canton-Administration-Building-28> to book your room, review meeting room policy, and find step-by-step instructions on how to reserve a room. Reservations will be approved on a first-come, first-served basis during the week of November 14. Please keep the e-mail confirming your room as this is the only piece of confirmation you will receive.

If you booked a room online last year and you encounter a "locked account" when trying to log-in to your profile, please e-mail meeting_rooms@canton-mi.org with the e-mail you are using and we will unlock it. This will happen if you haven't booked a room in some time.

If you need assistance, please call Jessica at 394-5185 or email jbunjik@canton-mi.org.

Reminders for dog owners

The Canton Police Department reminds residents that it is unlawful for unleashed animals to be in any place open to the public. In addition, leashed animals in a public place need to be in reasonable control of their owner/handler at all times.

It is also unlawful for owners of any animal to allow it to soil or defecate on any public or private property without permission of the owner, unless the dog owner immediately removes and disposes of the animal droppings in a sanitary method.

To report animal complaints, please call the Canton Police Department at 394-5400.

Canton Township's Ordinances are available at the Clerk's office or online at www.canton-mi.org.

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 that 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. Questions about the proposed amendment may be directed to the Township Supervisor's office at 394-5185.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 1** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 2** Seniors: Safe, Sound and Secure seminar. 12-3 p.m. Summit on the Park. Call 394-5485 for reservation.
- 8** Board of Trustees Board Meeting. Canceled.
- 10** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 11** Veteran's Day. Administration building closed.
- 15** Board of Trustees. Study Session. 7 p.m.
- 16** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 16** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 18** Canton Waste and Recycling: Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 22** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 22** Coffee with a Cop. 7 - 9 p.m. Summit on the Park Club 55+.
- 24** Turkey Trot for a Cause. Summit on the Park. 9:30 – 11 a.m.
- 24** Thanksgiving Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 25** Day after Thanksgiving. Administration Building Closed.
- 28** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 29** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER ARTIST

Durwood Coffey "Fins, Fur & Feathers"

NOVEMBER 5

Canton Goodfellows Magic and Comedy Fundraiser. 8 p.m. \$30.

NOVEMBER 10-13

Moon Over Buffalo. Spotlight Players 8 p.m. \$16.

NOVEMBER 11

Veteran's Day Salute to Service 6 p.m. Free.

NOVEMBER 12

Uke Can't be Serious. Michigan Philharmonic. 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER 18

All Together Now - Songs of the Fab Four, the Beatles. 7:30 p.m. \$25.

NOVEMBER 19

Canton International Festival 2016 11:30 a.m. \$2.

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

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