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## A Salute to Canton

Submissions are now being accepted for Canton's community awards. If you would like to nominate someone for the Canton Hall of Fame, Community Achiever, or Community Supporter, please visit [www.canton-mi.org/232](http://www.canton-mi.org/232) for a link to the nomination form.

The deadline to submit is Friday, March 31. Please call 394-5185 with questions.

## Chamber Wine and Beer Tasting

The Canton Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with Holiday Market, presents the Second Annual Wine and Beer Tasting on Friday, February 17, 7 - 9 p.m., at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center.

Tickets are \$35 per person in advance and \$40 at the door. Must be 21 to attend. A limited number of spaces available. Call the Chamber at 453-4040 or purchase online at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

## Registration begins for Citizens Police Academy

The Canton Police Department is planning its next Citizens Police Academy for individuals who are interested in acquiring insight and knowledge on how the police department works to serve the Canton community.

Participants will be educated on the policies and operational procedures of the department through presentations, demonstrations and hands-on activities. New this year, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy two additional weeks consisting of cross-over academy sessions with the Fire Department.

This year's Citizens Police Academy will be held on Thursdays from 6 – 9 p.m., for eight weeks, April 6, – May 25. Class size is limited for this free program. Applicant requirements include the following:

- Canton residents only
- Age 21 and over
- No felony convictions; no misdemeanor convictions in the past 3 years
- Applicants subject to a background check

Applications will be accepted from February 1 – 28, at [www.cantonpublicsafety.org](http://www.cantonpublicsafety.org), or in person at the front desk of the Canton Police Department, located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Questions can be directed to Special Services Sgt. Ed Johnson at 734/394-5411.

## This Month in Canton

# FOCUS

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## A message from Supervisor Williams

Something that I have been thinking about for some time is how can we as residents do a better job of promoting one Canton for all?

There are probably many ways we can work towards this admirable goal of One Canton. The sincerest way that comes to mind, that may take a little bit of effort and courage, would be to get more involved. There are several opportunities throughout Canton for folks to be more actively engaged beyond our immediate circles of family, faith and friends. Most will say their plate is too full; however, some do have the capacity to spare some time for new experiences.

Volunteerism and community involvement can be as simple as becoming a volunteer for Canton at any of our events and programs throughout the year, or for any one of the number of community-based organizations that exist in Canton. Volunteering can be a few hours a year or making longer-term commitments to serve on one of the many commissions, committees and boards within Canton. Openings will be advertised in the Focus when they occur, such as the one we've included for the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council.

If you have ever thought about becoming a member of a community-based organization, the Lions Club, Women's Giving Circle, Canton Newcomers, Canton Goodfellows, Canton Historical Society, Rotary Club, Friends of the Canton Library, Canton Kiwanis Club and many other local organizations are always looking for active members to grow and promote their causes.

Anyone interested in becoming more involved, please call either Paula Kosbe, Canton's Volunteer Coordinator, at 734/394-5191 or my office directly at 734/394-5185. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older.

If at any time you have any other questions or concerns related to Canton, please call my office at 734/394-5185.



## Partnership for the Arts brings back concert favorite

Community Financial Credit Union is proud to announce "Old Time Rock-n-Roll: A Concert Featuring Steve King and the Dittilies." Join us Saturday, March 4, at The Village Theater for a fundraiser to benefit the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with a welcome reception that will include sample-size appetizers from restaurants, including: Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Black Rock Bar & Grill and Hayden's Grill & Bar. Then at 8 p.m., get ready to sing and dance to the sounds of classic Rock-n-Roll, spiced with current comedy.

Tickets are \$35 per person, and can be purchased at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling 394-5300.

Please help support the construction of the Village Arts Factory by contributing to the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Visit [www.partnershipforarts.org](http://www.partnershipforarts.org) for more event details and giving forms or call 734/765-7061.

## Canton Lions Club hosts Charity Euchre Tournament

Join the Canton Lions on Saturday, February 25 at the Plymouth Elks Club, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, for a euchre fundraiser.

The cost is \$20 cash or check--pay at the door. Doors open at 6 p.m. and tournament begins at 7 p.m. 25 cent penalty/euchre. Cash awards to top 3 players. Evening includes a 50/50 raffle, raffle baskets, Sloppy Joes and chips, as well as a cash bar.

Please pre-register by emailing your first and last name to [CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com](mailto:CantonLionsEuchre@yahoo.com) or calling 734/495-1630 by February 18. All skill levels welcome!

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Summit's third annual indoor triathlon

Registration is currently underway for the 3rd annual 'Conquer the Summit' Indoor Triathlon that is scheduled for Sunday, March 19 at 7 a.m.

Participants will complete a 10-minute heat in swimming, 30-minute heat in biking, and a 20-minute heat in running with 10-minute transition times between each event. Swimming will take place in the 25-yard lap pool. Biking will be held on upright stationary bikes. Running will be done on treadmills. Participants must provide their own swimsuit, swim caps, goggles, biking and running clothing.

Registration fees are: \$35 for Summit Members; \$40 for Canton residents; and \$45 for non-residents. For details on available heat times and to register online, visit [www.summitonthepark.org](http://www.summitonthepark.org). For additional information, call 394-5460.

## League now forming

Pheasant Run's ladies golf league is now registering players for the 2017 season. League play starts Monday, May 1 and runs 15 weeks with tee times from 5:20 - 6:10 p.m. Each week two teams of two-players will play 9 holes and rotate times to play in different groups. For information please call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460.

## GCYBSA registration underway

Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association offers baseball/softball for boys and girls ages 4 – 18U.

Spring registration for players ages 4-14 for baseball and softball will remain open until March 15. Games are played early May through the last week of June.

Registration for the 15 - 18U boys summer division remains open until May 1, and plays from mid-June through the end of July.

For more information or to register, visit [www.gcybsa.com](http://www.gcybsa.com).

## Canton Historical Museum's call for memorabilia

Did you or your family members grow up in Canton? The Canton Historical Museum needs your help! If you have memorabilia in any form, such as pictures, letters, journals, artifact objects -- we would love to hear about it!

We are happy to make copies or take photographs if you are unable to donate your items. Our Archives are in need of more rich Canton-specific history so researchers can come learn from us in the future and help preserve the township's history.

For additional information, please email [director.chsmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:director.chsmuseum@gmail.com) and help us save Canton's archives for future generations to come!

## In the CLS Spotlight

### All welcome to play, learn, and grow

Canton Leisure Services strives to provide outstanding recreation opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities. Parks and recreation programs give individuals the opportunity to explore the natural and active world around them.

Because of this, the Therapeutic Recreation division of Leisure Services offers a variety of one day and session-based programs designed to enhance social, cognitive and motor skills. Throughout this coming year, individuals are invited to participate in community events, classes, sports, performing arts, outdoor experiences, and much more. Some of the more popular programs include: Fit Club, Bowling Bash, 4th Wall Theatre Group, Karate, and Summer Camp. These programs are adapted to meet the needs of the participants and give them the opportunity to get more involved in our community.

The inclusive and fun program design was affirmed this past year when Camp Leisure Club earned the Excellence in Therapeutic Recreation Award awarded by mParks, formerly known as the Michigan Recreation and Park Association.

To learn more about inclusive programming in Canton, visit [www.canton-mi.org/135](http://www.canton-mi.org/135).

# FOCUS on Leisure Services

## Village Theater in the spotlight

Back by popular demand, the Cashore Marionettes return to Canton's Village Theater on Saturday, February 4 at 2 and 7 p.m.

Experience two amazing performances featuring this internationally acclaimed group who take puppetry to the ultimate level. "Simple Gifts," is a family-friendly performance featuring a series of touching portrayals and poignant scenes from everyday life. Tickets are \$12 each.

"Life in Motion," features a portrayal of characters that is powerful, entertaining and a one-of-a-kind evening for adults and children ages 12 and older. Tickets are \$15 for all ages. Get your tickets online today at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org).

## Chinese Spring Festival

Celebrating a tradition that is thousands of years old, the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage Multicultural Committee will host a Chinese Spring Festival 7 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

Festivities include main stage entertainment provided by local dance troupes, choirs, and more. The program also features duets and small group performances by area Chinese groups.

Tickets to this special Chinese celebration are just \$5 per person. Get yours today online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org). The box office is open 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered by phone at 734/394-5300, ext. 3, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. If available, tickets may be purchased one hour prior to the program.

## Winter Farmers Markets

The first of three Winter Farmers Markets featuring over a dozen vendors will be held on Sunday, February 26, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet Lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Local goods available will include seasonal produce grown in hoop houses, baked goods, artisan cheese, hand-crafted items, and more. Additional Winter Markets will be held March 19 and April 23. For more information, join our Canton Farmers Market Facebook page or go to [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) under Programs, Farmers Market then Off-Season Markets.

## Camp registration coming soon

Even in the cold of winter, Canton Leisure Services can help you create a great summer plan for your kids. Be sure to check out our summer programs for all ages and all interests during our Camp Fair on Saturday, March 11, at the Summit on the Park.

Learn about all of our summer offerings from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., including: Day Camps, Preschool Camps, Sport Camps, Special Needs Programs, Art Camps, Science / Education Camps, and many more! Representatives from different camps will be available to answer all of your questions in the Summit Lobby, 46000 Summit Parkway. Many popular camps fill up fast, so you won't want to miss out. Registration for most camps begins at the Camp Fair and online at [www.cantonfun.org](http://www.cantonfun.org) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 11.

For more information, please call 734/394-5460.

## Co-Ed Snowball Tournament

Don't miss this year's Snowball Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, February 18 at the Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Avenue from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This outdoor Snowball tourney will feature the 16-inch neon "Chicago"-style softball played in the snow. Co-ed teams will take the field during this winter style festival featuring: music, cocktail specials and raffles throughout the event.

This special day offers softball teams a chance to compete and get discounts for the upcoming 2017 softball season. Over 300 teams enjoy the double-header leagues played at Canton's premier softball and baseball complex featuring 12 lighted fields, covered dugouts, full service sports bar and fun competition.

Leagues are available Sundays-Fridays from April-October. For additional information or to register, please visit [csc.canton-mi.org](http://csc.canton-mi.org) or call 734/483-5600.

## 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

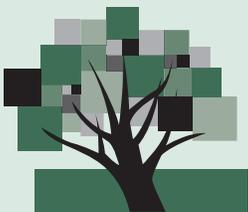
**Summit on the Park**  
394-5460

**Ordinance Enforcement**  
394-5335

**GFL (refuse collection)**  
866/772-8900

**Canton Public Library**  
397-0999

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



## Become a community volunteer

If you are looking to become more involved in our community, and want to learn about how Canton partners with the federal government to assist low-income families, then become a CDBG Advisory Council member.

The Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council (CDBGAC) serves in an advisory capacity to Canton's elected officials on administrative matters related to federal entitlement funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Interested Canton residents should submit a letter of interest and a brief resume to:  
Canton Township  
Attn: Supervisor - CDBG Advisory Council  
1150 Canton Center S  
Canton, MI 48188

## 2017 Frog and Toad Survey training sessions scheduled

Frog and Toad Survey training sessions for those interested in monitoring the health of the Rouge River will begin this month. Three area training sessions have been planned and the schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, February 25 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Farmington Hills City Council Chambers, 31555 West 11 Mile Road.
- Saturday, March 4 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road.
- Saturday, March 18 from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Canton's Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Each training session will focus on frog and toad identification skills which help volunteers determine different species out in the field. Frogs and toads are excellent indicators of the environmental quality around us. Training sessions are open to anyone who is concerned about the environment and wants to play an active role in monitoring its health.

The sessions are free and pre-registration is required. To register, call the Friends of the Rouge at 313/792-9621 or visit [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org).

## Treasurer's Corner

Winter property taxes were mailed out December 1. Residents have until February 14 to pay taxes without penalty. After February 14, a 3% penalty fee is added on (February 15 - February 28). On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to the Wayne County Treasurer, who will add a 4% administration fee plus interest of 1% per month. Your winter taxes include County taxes and the Township local taxes. It will also include any special assessments.

The biggest change you may have noticed with your winter taxes is the RESA ISD (Regional Educational Service Agency-Intermediate School District) enhancement millage. This increase was passed by the voters in 2016.

The Treasurer's office is open for business Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., unless there is an observed holiday and the administration building is closed. Canton also has a 24-hour safety drop box for tax and water bill payments, located at the entrance of the administration building, that allows folks to pay bills at any time.

If you ever have questions, please feel free to call the Treasurer's office at 734/394-5130.

## Fair Housing Presentation

On Thursday, April 27, from 6 - 8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, NLSM (Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan) Elder Law and Advocacy Center will offer a free presentation on Fair Housing. Whether you are a landlord or tenant, learn why it is important to know your rights and duties.

It is unlawful to discriminate when renting, buying or financing. Learn about your legal rights. Discrimination is illegal.

Attorneys will also be on site to offer free one-on-one legal consultations on other civil matters for eligible Canton residents.

Refreshments will be provided. Please call 394-5225 to register.



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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

### FEBRUARY

- 6** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Park Pavilion rentals begin – online rentals only. 9 a.m.
- 7** Board of Trustees Study Session. Check [canton-mi.org](http://canton-mi.org) for agenda and time.
- 9** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 14** Winter Taxes Due.
- 14** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 15** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit Chestnut Room. Call 394-5185.
- 20** President’s Day. Administration Building Closed.
- 21** Board of Trustees Study Session. Check [canton-mi.org](http://canton-mi.org) for agenda and time.
- 27** Merit Commission Meeting. 5 p.m.
- 28** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

### MARCH

- 1** Park Pavilion Rentals Begin – Resident call in. 9 a.m.
- 6** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 7** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 9** Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** Canton Clean-up – Recycling only 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Call 866/772-8900.

## VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

### FEBRUARY ART EXHIBITION:

“Wax in the D” Collaborative Exhibit by Metro Area Encaustic Artists (Candace Law, Melissa Rian, Kate Paul, Martha vanRaaphorst, and more)

### FEBRUARY 4

Simple Gifts-The Cashore Marionettes  
2 p.m. \$12. Family performance.

### FEBRUARY 4

Life In Motion - The Cashore Marionettes.  
7 p.m. \$15. Ages 12 and up.

### FEBRUARY 24-25

Breathe. A True Story. Brennen Reeves  
7:30 p.m. \$22.

### MARCH 4

Old Time Rock-n-Roll featuring Steve King and the Dittillies. Partnership for the Arts.  
8 p.m. \$35.

### MARCH 9-12

Fairy Tale Courtroom. Spotlight Youth Players. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. \$16.

**For tickets, visit  
[cantonvillagetheater.com](http://cantonvillagetheater.com) or  
call 394-5300 ext. 3**

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