



Police to increase patrols at local shopping centers

Canton Police Department will be increasing its patrols at local shopping centers and stores through December 24.

In addition to regular patrols, police officers will utilize bicycles and semi-marked patrol cars to maintain high-visibility in parking lots and store fronts in an attempt to deter criminal activity.

Shoppers are reminded to stay alert while in stores and parking lots. "It's easy to get distracted while shopping during the holidays," says Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink. "To decrease your odds of becoming a victim, you should be aware of your surroundings and your belongings at all times," she adds.

The following basic safety precautions are being offered to shoppers:

- Don't leave your purse unattended in a shopping cart.
- Avoid carrying a purse if possible, and keep your wallet in an inside jacket pocket.
- To discourage purse snatchers, don't overburden yourself with packages. Make several smaller trips back to your vehicle.
- Lock your packages and bags in your vehicle's trunk, or out of sight. Keep your doors locked and windows closed.
- If you feel you're being followed or watched in a parking lot, return to the store and ask for security.

The Canton Police Department encourages everyone to practice safe shopping habits throughout the year, with additional precautions added during the busy holiday shopping season.

Annual Tree Lighting

Kick off the most festive time of the year at Canton's Annual Tree Lighting celebration on Wednesday, December 6 from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Join us for a magical evening as Santa and his reindeer make a special stop in Canton. Starting outside at 6 p.m., enjoy holiday carols, watch Santa's arrival and countdown with Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams for the official lighting of the tree, which will be held outside the Banquet Center Entrance. Plus, Santa's live reindeer will also be onsite. In the spirit of the holiday season, admission into this event will be free.

Special festive activities will also be held indoors, including cookie decorating; face painting; and seasonal entertainment.

Participants are encouraged to visit the Hallway of Giving, featuring four area non-profit groups to learn about their initiatives and how you can pay it forward with a monetary donation this holiday season.

For more information, call 734/394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

GFL holiday collection schedule

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day both falling on Monday this year, there will be a one-day delay both weeks. GFL will be collecting Tuesday-Friday the week of Christmas and New Year's.

All refuse and recycling must be placed at the curb by 6:30 a.m. to ensure pick-up. GFL will not pick-up refuse or recycling that is placed past the sidewalk on private property. All recycling must be placed separately from your refuse on the opposite side of your driveway. For questions or more information on solid waste collection, visit www.canton-mi.org or call GFL at 844/464-3587.

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A message from Supervisor Williams

It is with great pleasure that I am able to announce the creation of the Canton Cares Fund which will be administered through the Canton Community Foundation (CCF), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Almost immediately after I was elected last year, I came to realize that Canton has several very worthwhile programs that cannot be funded with tax dollars. As Supervisor, I was partially responsible and chose to help solicit funds from private donors to support these valuable events.

A few program examples include the Senior Summit which hosts 400 senior residents from our community for a day of healthcare education and fun. We also have our annual Public Safety Awards to acknowledge those outstanding Police Officers and Fire Fighters who go beyond the call of duty to serve our community. In addition, Canton also sponsors a number of other events aimed at assisting and benefitting various groups in the community, including, but not limited to, seniors, veterans, youth, special needs, and residents undergoing times of crisis.

However, because of constitutional and legal limitations on the use of public funds, Canton cannot always contribute financially towards these valuable programs and we rely heavily on donations.

Many times, generous businesses and residents contribute money, services, and goods towards these programs. However, currently, they are not tax deductible contributions for the donor. In the interest of ensuring future support for these programs, and to offer an incentive for donors, the Canton Board of Trustees approved the Canton Cares fund to end the need to do continuous year-round fund raising to cover the costs of various events. The fund has been established to accept donations and the CCF has agreed to receive, hold and manage funds for the benefit of agreed-upon purposes. In accordance with the agreement, an independent advisory committee shall ensure donated funds are allocated in keeping with the mission of the fund. If you are feeling generous or would like to learn more about the fund, please call my office directly at 734/394-5185. Happy Holidays!



Simple Recycling diverts 165,612 pounds from landfill in its first year

Last year, Canton entered into a contract with Simple Recycling to offer curb-side pickup of clothing and small household items. Thanks to the participation of Canton residents, over 165,000 pounds of recycled goods have been diverted from the landfill in the last 12 months.

Items acceptable for collection include but are not limited to; clothing, coats and jackets, jewelry, shoes, purses, hats, toys, pictures, mirrors, blankets, drapes/curtains, pillows, sleeping bags, small appliances, irons, radios, lamps, hairdryers, tools, silverware, dishes, pots/pans, glasses, and backpacks.

The program is free and simple to use. 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.

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.

For every bag Simple Recycling collects, a new bag will be left; usually tied to the handle of a refuse bin. Additional bags can also be requested by visiting simplerecycling.com, calling 866/835-5068 or emailing info@simplerecycling.com.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Still time to ensure “No Canton Child Without a Christmas”

The Canton Goodfellows would like to thank everyone who has sponsored a child this year for their incredible support. For those who may have missed the opportunity to sponsor a child, there is still a need for new, unwrapped toys or gift cards.

Donations should be delivered by December 11 to the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, or to the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Donations can also be mailed to the Canton Goodfellows, P.O. Box 87532, Canton, MI 48187.

Help bring joy to the less fortunate in our community this holiday season. For more information, please visit www.cantongoodfellows.org.

Boys Lacrosse Grades 3-8 sign-up underway

Registration for Spring Boys Lacrosse is now open. No experience necessary. With limited spots available, players are encouraged to register before Sunday, December 31.

Registration fee includes custom uniform, local league play and tournaments. Payment plan available. Register at www.cantonfun.org or call 734/483-5600.

Canton Historical Society to host Holiday Tea

Area residents are encouraged to take part in the Canton Historical Society’s Third Annual Christmas Tea at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of Canton’s oldest homes that will be festively decorated for the season in circa 1900 holiday finery.

This special event will take place on Saturday, December 9, starting at 1 p.m. Participants will take a step back in time as they enjoy a holiday afternoon tea in the Bartlett-Travis House, located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road. Guests will enjoy an assortment of teas, mini-quiches, sandwiches, and desserts.

Seating is limited, so get your tickets today. Tickets for this festive event are \$25 per person and can be purchased only at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Holiday celebration at Canton Club 55+

Area seniors are invited to a special Holiday Celebration featuring a delicious luncheon on Wednesday, December 13 from 12 – 3 p.m. in the Summit Banquet Center. This very popular event will celebrate the holidays with friends, family, food and prizes.

Participants are asked to please register by December 5. Tickets are available at the Summit Front Desk or at Club 55+ and are \$17 for Summit members; \$19 for residents; and \$24 for non-residents.

This event is sponsored in part by Regency of Canton and Heartland. For more information, call Canton Club 55+ at 734/394-5485.

In the CLS Spotlight

Detroit Circus returns to Canton

New Year’s Eve at The Village Theater will welcome back by popular demand The Detroit Circus. Audience members will be amazed by high-flying aerial antics on fabric and trapeze, fire dancing, stilt walking, and acrobatics and more! These jaw-dropping performances are sure to thrill fans of all ages.

Join the fun on December 31 at 7 p.m., tickets are on sale now! Tickets are \$22 for all ages. Please note that this is an animal-free circus. Tickets to the theater make the perfect holiday gift. Get your tickets today at www.cantonvillagetheater.org!

For more information, call 734/394-5300.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Summit holiday preschool classes

If you're looking for a fun preschool class for your little one, you'll want to bring them all aboard the Polar Express PJ Party on Saturday, December 9 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Summit.

Party participants will enjoy games, crafts, and even watch this favorite holiday movie in their pajamas. Fees are \$21 for Summit members, \$23 for Canton residents, and \$27 for non-residents.

On Thursday, December 7, preschoolers can run, run, as fast as they can, because we're going to play with the Gingerbread Man! From 10-11:30 a.m., participants in You and Me Gingerbread Jamboree will spend the morning building a preschool-friendly house of sweets, reading the story of the Gingerbread Man and making crafts. Fees are just \$21 for Summit members; \$23 for Canton residents; and \$27 for non-residents.

Ages 2 and up can enjoy cookie time during our Make and Take Cookie Swap on Thursday, December 14. Teams will each make a different type of cookie and have fun during baking time. Fees for one adult and one child are just \$30 for members; \$32 for Canton residents; and \$36 for non-residents. To register or for additional information on these or other preschool classes, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Get unlimited golf in 2018 at Pheasant Run

Purchase an Annual Pass at Pheasant Run Golf Club before December 20, and save 10% off the full pass price. Annual golf passes allow for unlimited golf with cart and range use throughout the year. Passes are valid for one year from the date of purchase.

For additional details, call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460 or visit www.golfprgc.org.

'Swim Across a Great Lake'

From January 1-April 30, take the Swim Across a Great Lake challenge and swim the length of Lake Ontario at the Summit Aquatic Center. Participants will have the flexibility to choose when they swim the 53 miles or 3,731 lengths of the pool during Aquatic Center hours of operation.

Fees are just \$25 for Summit members; \$30 for residents; and \$40 for non-residents. Register online today at www.summitonthepark.org.

Summit New Year Membership Special

Are you planning to kick off the New Year with fitness as a top priority for you and your family? Then be sure to take advantage of special savings with the Summit's New Year Membership Special.

From December 1 to January 15, 2018, enjoy special savings when you purchase an Annual Membership and bundle it with two Health & Wellness/Family First Offerings. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3!

Keep your bundle selection for yourself or give it as a gift this holiday season. Bundle selections include: Individual or Group Personal Training Sessions; Registered Fitness Classes; Birthday Party Package; Youth Swim Lessons; or Kids' Corner Visits. This special offer is only available at the Summit front desk. For additional information, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

Summit Personal Training and Fitness Classes

Whether you are new to fitness, looking to take your training to the extreme, or somewhere in between, the Summit on the Park offers a wide variety of fitness and wellness programs to fit your needs:

- Personal Training: Don't wait, get your New Year's resolution started today! Meet with one of our personal trainers and get your health and fitness goals met. Our trainers specialize in: weight loss, sport specific, senior balance and strength, and youth fitness. If you are looking for a single session, multi-session, or group training, we have packages to meet your every need!

- Group Fitness: From December 17 – January 6, celebrate the holidays and enjoy our gift to you by taking many of our registered group fitness classes for FREE for Summit members. Non-members must pay the daily fee.

During this time, classes offered will be limited, but participants can try out classes such as: TRX, Barre, and Tai Chi for free. Please check the upcoming schedule for the updated list of classes.

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)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
397-0999

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



Hall of Fame, Community Supporter/Achiever nominations

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 for a link to the nomination form. The deadline to submit is Friday, January 19.

Please call 734/394-5185 with questions.

HOA updates

New subdivision? New president? New website? Please e-mail Bina Shah at bshah@canton-mi.org or call 734/394-5185 to update any HOA changes your subdivision might have.

Canton Township is a main source for residents and title companies to call to get the most up-to-date information for HOA contacts. This information will be posted on www.canton-mi.org/675. Please take a look and see if your information is correct and let us know either way if it is up-to-date.

Leadership Canton returns

Applications are now being accepted for the 2018 Leadership Canton program. This program develops skilled and motivated leaders for the Canton Community, while providing knowledge of community issues, potential solutions for community concerns, and diverse networking opportunities.

Participants meet once per month from January through June. Each day-long session addresses a specific topic, and most sessions include guest speakers, and a tour.

To view the 2018 itinerary or to fill out an application, please visit www.leadershipcanton.com.

For more information, please call 734/453-4040.

Treasurer Slavens Corner

Winter is upon us and your winter property taxes will be coming soon. Winter property taxes cover you from December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018. Your winter property tax bill will be mailed out December 1, 2017. The bill must be paid, to avoid penalty or interest, by February 14, 2018. If you do not receive your winter tax bill, please call my office at 734/394-5130. Tax bills are not forwarded. If you are going out of town during tax season, please call our office. We can mail your bill to a temporary address.

There are various ways you may pay your tax bill, including:

- Our 24-hour drop box, located outside the main entrance of the Canton Administration Building.

- At the Treasurer's window: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- By mail: Canton Township Treasurer, P.O. Box 87010, Canton Michigan 48187

- Online at: www.canton-mi.org

For your payment we accept cash, bank checks, MasterCard, Visa and Discover. There is a \$3.95 charge* for debt/credit card under \$160 and a 2.5% charge for credit card payments over \$160. *This charge is levied by the banks.

Your winter property taxes are a one-year tax, covering:

- Regional Educational Service Agency-
- Intermediate School District, Wayne
- County, Wayne County Jail, Huron Clinton
- Metropolitan Authority, Wayne County
- Parks, Canton Township, Canton Township
- Police, Canton Township Fire, Canton
- Public Library, Wayne County Community
- College (for the Van Buren and Wayne-
- Westland school districts only), Detroit Zoo,
- Detroit Institute of Arts, Administration
- FEE, Solid Waste FEE (garbage service) .

There may be additional line items on your tax statement pertaining to special assessments. Please call our office at 734/394-5130 if you have questions regarding these.

As always if you ever have questions or concerns regarding your tax bill or water bill, please contact my office. I wish you and yours a safe and Happy Holiday and the very best in the New Year.



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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

DECEMBER

- 2** Breakfast with Santa. 9-11 a.m. Summit on the Park.
- 4** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 5** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 6** Tree Lighting. 6-8:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 12** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 19** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 20** The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Call 394-5185.
- 22** Christmas Eve Observed. Administration Building closed.
- 25** Christmas Day. Administration Building closed.
- 26** Board of Trustees Meeting. Canceled.
- 29** New Year's Eve Observed. Administration Building closed.

JANUARY

- 1** New Year's Day. Administration Building closed.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER ART EXHIBITION:

Ann Arbor Fiberarts Guild. December 5 - January 1. Free.

DECEMBER 1-3

A Christmas Story. Spotlight Players. Th-Sat at 7:30 p.m., Sat and Sun at 2 p.m. \$16 - \$18.

DECEMBER 2

North Pole News. Metro Dance. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. \$15 - \$18.

DECEMBER 5

Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra Holiday Concert. 7 p.m. \$5 - \$15.

DECEMBER 7-10

Glitz - The Little Miss Christmas Pageant Musical. Spotlight on Youth. Th - Sat at 7 p.m., Sat and Sun at 2 p.m. \$12.

DECEMBER 9

Christmas...Always! Canton Concert Band. 6 p.m. Music and Santa in the Lobby, 7 p.m. Concert. \$10 - \$12.

DECEMBER 14-17

The Christmas Broadway Spectacular. Central City Dance. Th and Fri 6 p.m., Sat 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m., Sun 12 and 4 p.m. \$24.

DECEMBER 22

Aaron Radatz Holiday Magic Show. 7 p.m. \$20 - \$24.

DECEMBER 31

The Detroit Circus. 7 p.m. \$22.