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Tell us what you think of your Public Safety Department

Now is the time to rate your Police and Fire Departments. During the month of March, Canton Public Safety is offering residents the opportunity to evaluate the department's police, fire, emergency medical, and ordinance services.

An online survey can be accessed from the home page of the department's website at www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

Survey results will be reviewed by Public Safety officials to identify any potential issues or areas of concern. The results will also be taken into consideration as the department gathers information for its next Five-Year Strategic Plan.

Results of the survey will be available to the public later in the year through the department's website, Canton FOCUS newsletter, and various local and social media outlets.

Canton Chamber Auction

All are welcome to the Canton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner Auction on Friday, April 27, at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth. The "Safari-themed" event is the largest fundraiser for the Canton Chamber.

Tickets are \$80 per person and include: open bar, strolling dinner, entertainment and the opportunity to participate in the live and raffle auctions. For more information, please call 734/453-4040. This year's auction is proudly sponsored by Beaumont Healthcare Center - Canton, and Jack Demmer Ford, Inc.

Road complaints

You can help us to communicate with Wayne County directly to ask for priority to be given to Canton's roads. Residents have an effective way to have their voices heard.

Canton is encouraging residents to log their complaints onto Wayne County's website at www.waynecounty.com/servicerequest20/. The link can also be found on Canton's homepage, www.canton-mi.org.

This process automatically creates and dispatches a service request at the county level. Residents can also call 888/ROADCREW (888/762-3273) to directly report any hazardous road conditions.

Together we can all help make Canton's roads a priority for Wayne County.

Yard Waste collection begins next month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 2 and continue until November 29. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse.

In addition, GFL Environmental USA will hold the first clean-up weekend of 2018 on Saturday, April 28, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 42100 Van Born Road.

For questions or more information on refuse, recycling and yard waste collection, visit www.canton-mi.org or call GFL at 844/464-3587.

This Month in Canton

Canton to host Community Forum on Water and Sewer Rates

In an effort to educate residents on water and sewer rates, Canton host a Community Forum on Wednesday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m. in the Board Room of Canton's Administration Building, located at 1150 Canton Center S.

This forum is designed to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated and to answer questions regarding the 2018 rates. The forum is free of charge and open to the public. For more information, please call 734/ 397-1011.

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A message from Supervisor Williams

Back by popular demand, Canton will again be hosting a Shredding Day event on May 17.



A shredding truck will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the north pavilion, located west of the Fire Station on Heritage Park Drive off of Canton Center.

Canton residents can bring up to two boxes or bags of paper to shred. There is no limit to the size of the boxes/bags; however you must be able to lift them out of your vehicle unassisted. Documents will be shredded on site. Please be prepared to wait as this popular service gets a lot of participation.

Please call my office at 734/394-5185 with any questions.

Canton Rotary Club

The Canton Rotary Club is a local service organization that meets weekly on the first Monday of the month at 6 p.m. and the second through fifth Monday of the month at noon at Antonio's Restaurant, 2220 N. Canton Center Road. They welcome local business people and non-business people who are interested in serving their community, nation, and world. Please visit www.cantonrotary.com for more information, or call Sue Kowalski at 734/968-1436 or e-mail suekowalski@mac.com

No Wipes in the Pipes!

Canton is warning all residents that those "flushable" wipes, aren't so flushable after all.

Canton's Public Works Division would like to advise all residents that bathroom wipes (pre-moistened towelettes that are often advertised as flushable) are contributing to clogs and backups in Canton's sanitary sewer system.

Although wipes are advertised as "flushable," the wipes don't break down fast enough and end up getting stuck in private sewer leads and the public sewer system. This can lead to costly repairs and possible replacement of equipment.

Senior Summit moved to May

Canton's annual Senior Summit, usually held in September, will now be held on Wednesday, May 30 this year. Renovations taking place at the Summit this fall necessitated a change in date.

The event will still offer all of the great things our seniors enjoy: vendor exhibits, health screenings, presentations, goody bags, lunch and bingo. A light breakfast will also be provided. Participants do not need a ticket for this year's event; however, registration is required.

To register, or for more information, call 734/394-5485 or 734/394-5185.

Fair Housing Presentation

On Wednesday April 25, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Canton's Administration Building, 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.

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. Call Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5225 to register.

Coffee Hours with Barone, Pagan

Coffee Hour at the Canton Administration Building with Commissioner Joe Barone will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 10 a.m. in the Lower Level, and Representative Kristy Pagan will be on Monday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

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 on Saturday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Enjoy an evening of Folk, Modern, and Classical dances performed by area dance schools, as well as numerous vocal and instrumental performances featuring ancient Chinese instruments.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. for patrons to enjoy cultural displays by local Chinese schools: PCCLC, MNCCS, and Ann Hua School of Ann Arbor.

Tickets to this event are just \$5 per person. Get yours today online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734/394-5300 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays.

Winter Farmers Markets update

Two more Canton Off-Season Farmers Markets will be held at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, on Sunday, March 25 and April 22 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

For additional details, please visit www.canton-mi.org/496.

Village Theater in the Spotlight

MSA Delivery Service is proud to present 'Against the Wind' featuring Live Bullet Detroit-a tribute to Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band. Join us Saturday, March 3, at The Village Theater for a fundraiser to benefit the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities. Doors open at 7pm with a welcome reception that will include sample-size appetizers from local restaurants. Then at 8pm, get ready to sing along and dance to the sounds of your favorite classic 'Seger' songs.

Ed Asner (Mary Tyler Moore Show and Disney's Up) takes one on a comedic journey of pain, laughter, and anatomy--not necessarily in that order. It is a true story of Ed Weinberger's Italian vacation that takes an unexpected turn. A turn that scares the life out of him and at the same time forces self-reflection and appreciation for what he has. This show not only tickles the funny bone, but creates awareness and pays tribute to those lost. A definite must-see! Join us at the Village Theater on March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The Second City Tour Company makes a popular return to continue its sold out record at The Village Theater on March 31. Edgy, thought-provoking and always spectacularly funny. The Second City is celebrating nearly six decades of producing cutting-edge revues and launching the careers of generation after generation of comedy's best and brightest.

For tickets and more information, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300.

In the CLS Spotlight

Community Connection Day coming next month

Area residents with disabilities and their families are invited to get know Canton Public Safety First Responders during this free event on Saturday, April 14, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. Generously sponsored by Building Bridges Therapy Center, this FREE event provides an opportunity for individuals with disabilities and their families to meet face-to-face with local First Responders, helping to dispel any myths or fears that may be associated with lights, sirens, and authority figures, and fostering an important dialogue with the disability community, encouraging a greater understanding of one another.

Meet first responders including: Canton's police officers, paramedics, firefighters and more. Participants of all ages will enjoy an interactive public safety display. This program is presented in partnership with Canton Public Safety, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, and Canton Therapeutic Recreation. Special activities provided by: Michigan Child ID; Sensory-Friendly Story Time, presented by the Canton Public Library at noon; Adaptive Yoga with Chris at 1 p.m.; and Adaptive Gymnastics Tumble presented by Michigan Academy of Gymnastics at 1:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5367

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Family-Friendly Easter events

Bring the kids out to Heritage Park on Saturday, March 24, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. to enjoy a variety of Easter and spring-themed activities! Maximize your experience by registering for the Easter Bunny Breakfast, which takes place just prior to this event in the Summit's Grand Ballroom from 9 – 11 a.m. Tickets for the breakfast are on sale at the Summit front desk through March 19.

Tickets for residents are: \$15.75 for ages 13 and up, \$10.75 for ages 4-12, and \$4.75 for ages three and under. Tickets for non-residents are \$18.75 for ages 13 and up, \$12.75 for ages 4-12, and \$5.75 for ages three and under. Please note that tickets for the breakfast will not be sold at the door.

No pre-registration is necessary for the Easter Eggstravaganza; however, a \$4 resident and \$5 non-resident fee per child will be collected at the event's information booths. Continuous egg hunts will be held in two age categories to help keep the "hunting" fair for even our littlest participants. Please allow some extra time for parking, as historically this is a well-attended event. The grounds tend to be very wet in early spring, so please dress accordingly.

For additional information about both of these events, visit www.cantonfun.org prior to the events for a complete schedule of events. Volunteers opportunities are still available for both the Easter Eggstravaganza and Easter Bunny Breakfast.

To volunteer, please call 734/394-5191 or email pkosbe@canton-mi.org.

Important Dog Park reminder

Access to the Canton Dog Park via electronic gate key fobs will be discontinued for any Dog Park member who has not renewed their membership by April 1. Annual membership fees are \$25 for residents and \$50 for non-residents. New Dog Park members are required to submit a refundable key fob security deposit of \$20 at time of registration that will be refunded when membership is discontinued and the key fob is returned. Only one key fob per household will be issued.

For additional information, please visit www.cantonfun.org or call 734/394-5310.

Village Theater Call For Artists

The Gallery@VT would once again like to invite area artists to apply for a group or solo art exhibition for the 2019 season.

The Village Theater is interested in featuring a diverse group of artists of all mediums. Submission will be juried by an exhibition committee comprised of local artists, arts professionals, and art educators. Please be advised that you are ineligible if you have had a Solo Exhibition at the Gallery@VT within the last five years. Submissions are due by April 12.

For submission information, please visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Mom to Mom sale coming soon

If your closets are bursting at the seams or you could use some extra cash, our Mom to Mom Sale is just the opportunity for you.

Canton Leisure Services has booths available to rent during our Mom to Mom Sale, scheduled for Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. 9 x 6 rental booths are currently available for \$20.

Register for a booth at the Summit on the Park front desk. Vendor spots are sold out. For additional rental information, please email julie.allen@canton-mi.org.

For those just interested in shopping and picking up some great bargains, mark those calendars. Doors open at 8 a.m. for early bird sales.

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

Seasonal part-time positions still available

Thinking about a summer job? Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that start in April-June 2018. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join a great team this summer! Students, here's your chance to gain valuable work experience in your field of study.

Apply now at <https://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Canton is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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



Clerk's Comments High School Voter Drive

Canton Clerk Michael Siegrist joined the City and Township of Plymouth at Plymouth High School on February 14 and 15 to register new voters. This will allow voters to cast an absentee ballot by mail if they are going away to college. Additionally, graduating seniors who were going away to college were given the option to sign up for the absentee application list, so they will not need to return home for the November election. The Clerk's office has made it a priority to increase voter registration and participation among young people in our community.

Additional days will be scheduled for Canton and Salem High Schools so that all students will have the same opportunity.

Precinct changes and new voting locations

This is a reminder that the Canton Township Election Commission has made changes to precinct boundaries and voting locations. Please pay close attention to the new card, should you receive one. It is not a duplicate and indicates that you may be voting at a different location in the next election. The Village Theater and Liberty Middle School have been established as polling places while some locations have been removed.

The previous layout had grown organically, and as new precincts were added many voters were sent to polling locations further away from their home. Many voters were driving past two or three polling locations on their way to vote. Canton will see an overall reduction from 42 to 40 voter precincts and 24 to 19 polling locations, reducing the costs of future elections.

If you do not receive a new ID card, you are not impacted by this change. Additional information can be found at www.canton-mi.org/221. Questions? Please call 734/394-5120.

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Happy March! After a long, cold winter everyone is looking forward to spring.

The Treasurer's office was busy with customer service this past month. I truly appreciate the dedication and hard work that our Treasurer's office has shown to our residents. As you know winter taxes were due at the end of the business day February 14, at 4:30 p.m. After that time a 3% penalty fee was added to any unpaid tax bill. On March 1, delinquent real property taxes are turned over to Wayne County.

Many residents are curious as to how we determine our water and sewer rates. Water and sewer rates are approved annually by the Canton Township Board with an amendment, based on staff recommendation.

Canton will have a community forum on "Water and Sewer Rates." It will be held on Wednesday March 28 at 6 p.m. in the Board room of the Administration Building: 1150 S. Canton Center Road. This is open to our Canton residents and residents are encouraged to attend.

The forum will give a comprehensive explanation on how our water and sewer rates are set. The forum will also offer residents time to ask questions. I have found this forum to be very helpful. I hope to see you there.

Residents may be interested in just how much water they use in a day. You will first want to locate your water meter, then read your meter. By reading your meter at the beginning and end of the day, you are able to see how much water you and your family used in that day. To check for leaks, read your meter and wait two hours, without running any water. If your water meter has any usage registered, this is a sign that you may have a leak somewhere. Studies have shown homes can waste more than 10% due to leaking, which leads to higher water bills. If you ever have questions or concerns about your water usage, please contact my office or the water billing department. We are always happy to answer any questions you have regarding your water bill.

It is my honor and privilege to be your Township Treasurer. Please feel free to call my office with any questions or concerns at any time at 734/394-5130.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR MARCH

- 5** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 6** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 7** Newcomers and Neighbors. 7 p.m. 45800 Hanford Road. Call 734/812-4119.
- 8** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 9** Canton Clean-up – Recycling only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- 10** Camp Registration. 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Summit.
- 13** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 20** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 21** DDA Board Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 21** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 24** Easter Bunny Breakfast. 9 – 11 a.m. Chestnut Room, Summit on the Park.
- 24** Easter Eggstravaganza. 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 27** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 30** Good Friday. Administration Building Closed.

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Tickets:
www.cantonvillagetheater.org
or 734/394-5300 ext. 3

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE MARCH ART EXHIBITION:

“Facets of the Human” Paintings by Mustapha Kandouz.
Reception March 1. 7 p.m. Free.

MARCH 2

Facing Our Truth: Ten Minute Plays on Trayvon Martin, Race and Privilege. Wayne State University. 7:30 p.m. \$5 - \$7.

MARCH 3

‘Against the Wind’ featuring Live Bullet Detroit A Tribute to Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band. Reception 7 p.m./Show 8 p.m. \$30.

MARCH 8-11

The Adventures of Dr. Dolittle. Spotlight Junior Players. Th-Sat at 7:30 p.m. Sat/Sun at 2 p.m. \$14 - \$16.

MARCH 9

Bollywood Bash 2018. A Charity to benefit Good News India. Paathshala Inc. 8 p.m. \$15.

MARCH 10

Ed Asner: A Man and His Prostate. 7:30 p.m. \$22 - \$37.

MARCH 17

Chinese Spring Festival 2018. 7 p.m. \$5.

MARCH 23

What!?! Magicians Telling the Truth. 7:30 p.m. \$15.

MARCH 30

Devotional Divas III and Boundless The Empowered Women. 7 p.m. \$25 - \$30.

MARCH 31

The Second City Tour: Look Both Ways Before Talking. 7:30 p.m. \$32 - \$35.