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Wayne County Hazardous Waste Collections

The final 2018 Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collections will be Saturday, August 11, from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, and Saturday, November 3 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline Road in Taylor.

These free events are open to Wayne County residents only. For a complete list of what will and will not be accepted, please call 734/326-3936 or visit waynecounty.com.

Canton will hold its annual Hazardous Waste Round-Up on Saturday, September 8, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Canton's Public Works Building, 4847 Sheldon Road, just south of Michigan Avenue. This free event is open to Canton residents only.

To obtain a detailed list of what is and is not acceptable, please call Canton's Public Works Division at 397-1011 or visit www.canton-mi.org.

Summit Renovations and Annual Maintenance Shutdown

The Summit on the Park's gymnasium floor will be closed for renovation from August 15 - September 7.

In addition, the Summit will close for its Annual Maintenance Shutdown beginning Monday, September 3 at noon and will re-open on Saturday, September 8 at 6 a.m.

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

Brew, Brats & Bands at the Barn

This popular event returns to Preservation Park on Saturday, September 8 from 6 - 9 p.m., at the Cady-Boyer Barn, 500 N. Ridge Road. Ages 21 and over are encouraged to attend this fundraiser benefiting the Canton Historical Society. Tickets include seven beer-tasting tickets to select from a wide variety of specialty craft beers, brats with fixings, and live entertainment.

Tickets are \$25 in advance through September 1 and \$30 at the door. Sponsors include: Canton Leisure Services, Holiday Market, Liberty Street Brewing Company, Canton Brew Works, Busch's Fresh Food Market, and JB's Smokehouse. Get your tickets at the Canton Treasurer's Office, Summit on the Park, and Canton Farmers Market or online at beerfests.com. Remember, designated driver tickets are just \$10. Must be 21 and over to attend. For more details, call 734/394-5310.

National Night Out featuring 'Not in Our Town'

On Tuesday, August 7, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., residents throughout Canton are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend a fun evening in the park with neighbors, celebrating National Night Out.

The event, hosted by the Canton Public Safety, Leisure Services and the Canton Public Library is being held at the north pavilion area of Heritage Park. There will be food, music, inflatables, crafts and fun activities for kids including a touch-a-truck. The event will also feature a Not in Our Town community presentation that promotes positive relationships between the many different cultures that represent our great community.

The Canton Public Safety Department is committed to making National Night Out and 'Not in Our Town' a time for area residents to stand together with their neighbors and celebrate our great community.

Neighborhoods/groups interested in attending this event should call Community Relations Officer Patty Esselink at 734/394-5194 or email pesselink@canton-mi.org.

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A message from Supervisor Williams



Panhandlers have been a growing concern in Canton for the past couple of years. I receive regular comments and calls to my office asking why the Township is not doing anything about this issue. It is important to understand that panhandling has been determined to be protected speech under the 1st and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution. As early as 1992, the Supreme Court struck down a regulation prohibiting panhandling in airports. More recently in 2013, the Federal Appeals Court struck down a Michigan statute that criminalized panhandling.

This means that, while many see the panhandlers as a nuisance, Canton cannot force them to leave simply for the act of asking for money in a public place. However, panhandlers cannot impede the flow of traffic, they cannot harass or accost those they are asking for money from, and they cannot be on private property without the property owner's consent. All of these actions are unprotected, and if any panhandlers are caught engaging in these actions, Canton police can take action.

There are formal programs in place to help all individuals and families who have a true need. We have a compassionate community in which I could site many examples of people offering these individuals food, jobs, and shelter. Many times offers have been respectfully declined.

If you have questions, please call my office at 734/394-5185 or email me at pwilliams@canton-mi.org.

Classic Motown at The Village Theater

Community Financial Credit Union is proud to present "Sounds of Motown" featuring Motor City Soul. Join us Saturday, September 29, 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 local restaurants. Then at 8 p.m., get ready to sing along to your favorite Motown tunes.

Tickets are \$30 per person including reception and can be purchased at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734/394-5300.

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.

Please visit www.partnershipforarts.org for more event details and giving forms or call 734/765-7061.

2nd Annual P-CCS Back to School Bash

Come celebrate Back to School Days at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, on Saturday, August 25 from 1 - 4 p.m.



This free event, presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and Canton Leisure Services will offer a variety of student performances and showcases. In addition, local schools and community groups, clubs, and area resource centers will be onsite providing valuable information to position your children for success in the coming school year.

Participants can also enjoy giveaways, food, games, and some great deals and Early Bird pricing for Fall Leisure Services classes and programs. Plenty of fun kids' activities will also be available. Don't miss this opportunity to discover what your neighbors already know.

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

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ExpressRide...My Ride to Work!

Do you work in downtown Ann Arbor or at the University of Michigan? ExpressRide may be for you! ExpressRide, brought to you by The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, is a 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 right in Canton. Commuting by ExpressRide lets you forget about parking, traffic, and pollution, and the buses have free wi-fi and comfortable seating. A one-way cash fare is only \$6.25. Become a regular rider and you can use a ten-ride ticket for \$62.50 or a 30-day unlimited ride commuter pass for just \$125. Be sure to check with your employer, because employees of some businesses are eligible for discounted passes!

For more information, including route details, please visit myexpressride.org.

**Don't forget to vote
on August 7**

In the CLS Spotlight

Michigan Shakespeare Festival returns to Canton's Village Theater

The 2018 Michigan Shakespeare Festival will be in residence at The Village Theater beginning August 3, starting with its performance of *The Tempest*, a stirring fairy tale play directed by MSF Artistic Associate Kauzlaric. The rest of the dynamic season consists of *The Rover*, a vibrant 1677 Restoration comedy and *Measure for Measure*, a comedy with legal, social, and political issues we are still battling today, in a new adaptation by Janice L. Blixt and the Michigan Shakespeare Festival Company.

Tickets for these performances can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734/394-5300, or in person Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

Get your tickets today to see this professional Equity Theater Company, which has been recognized as the official Shakespeare Festival for the State of Michigan, at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call 734/394-5300 for more information.

Do Good Expo to be held on 9/11

On the National Day of Service and Remembrance, Canton Leisure Services will celebrate and connect organizations and individuals who make a difference in our community at Canton's Do Good Expo.

All ages are invited to learn about volunteer opportunities available with local non-profit and service-based organizations at this free expo. Stop in on September 11, from 6-8 p.m. at the Summit on the Park's Banquet Center, to network with representatives from over a dozen groups. In addition, participants can also take part in several hands-on community service projects that evening, such as fleece blanket weaving, kindness rock decorating, and letter writing to our troops. Come and give back to your community on 9/11 and also learn about all of the future volunteer opportunities awaiting you! For details, visit www.cantonfun.org.

Calling all local artists

Area artists are encouraged to enter the 26th Annual Canton Fine Arts Exhibition at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill by August 10, for consideration to be locally exhibited from October 2 –27. Artists are invited to enter their sculpture, fine arts, photography, ceramics, wall-hangings and mixed media by the deadline. Participation is open to all artists 18 years and older, living or working in Michigan.

Entry forms are now available online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or artists may request an application form by calling The Village Theater at Cherry Hill at 734/394-5300.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton Farmers Market update

Sunday's at the Farmers Market continue to bring fantastic food, fun, and family entertainment to the Canton Community. Plus, the hot temps are creating a bountiful summer harvest. Enjoy a wide assortment of Michigan grown fruits and vegetables, as well as specialty products from local vendors every Sunday from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (rain or shine) at Preservation Park, located at 500 N. Ridge Road.

The Market also offers weekly cooking demos, live entertainment, kids' crafts, as well as Master Gardener seasonal topics. Plus, the Recreation Station Bouncer will be onsite August 5 and 19 (weather permitting). In addition, a Canton Public Library Story Time will be held on August 5. The popular Music with Ms. Carissa returns on August 26. This season's entertainment is generously sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union. August themes and special entertainment include:

- August 5 - Beat the Heat. Cool down with some family friendly water games!
- August 12 – Baseball Fans Day. Special activities involving America's pastime!
- August 19 – National Hot & Spicy and Soft Serve Day. Enjoy some spicy eats and cool down with some refreshing soft serve!
- August 26 – National Cherry Popsicle Day. Speaks for itself!

For Market updates, visit www.canton-mi.org/496 or like us on Facebook.

See you at the Market!

Canton Mobility Transportation program update

As of August 6, Nankin Transit Commission will be the new service provider for the Canton Mobility Transportation program.

Residents 55 years of age and older or individuals with disabilities qualify for this service, which provides transportation within the service areas of: Canton, Westland, Wayne, Garden City and Inkster. Cash fares are \$3 (one way). To schedule a ride, call the Nankin Transit Commission's reservation number at 734/729-2710.

3rd Annual Canton Senior Games

Area seniors are encouraged to come out for a little friendly competition during the Canton Senior Games and Senior Golf Outing. There's something for everyone across all skill levels and interests during these friendly games, which are scheduled to take place August 20-24.

Canton Club 55+ will offer a variety of events in which seniors may compete in for a nominal fee for a chance to win in their age categories: 55-64; 65-74; and 75 and older. Events include: Sports Tournaments (Golf, Pickleball, Tennis, Billiards); Cards/Wii Games (Euchre, Mahjong, Pinochle, Trivia, Wii Bowling); Field Games (Bean Bag Toss, Bocce Ball, Softball Throw, Lawn Darts, Basketball Shot, Ring Toss, Football Throw). Plus, an Art Contest will also be held.

Competitions will take place throughout Canton at: Pheasant Run Golf Club, Summit on the Park, Heritage Park, Freedom Park and Griffin Park. Registration is available at www.cantonfun.org through August 10. For fees and more information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at 734/394-5485 or www.cantonfun.org.

Summit Cardboard boat races return

Cast off and say "Anchors Aweigh" as you race toward victory in the 5th Annual Summit on the Park Championship Cardboard Boat Race, which will be held on Thursday, August 30, starting at 6 p.m. Build your custom vessel no bigger than 5 1/2 feet wide by 10 feet long using only cardboard, Duct tape, and paint. Then, line up your crew and enter to win! Each boat will be timed individually.

Register online at www.summitonthepark.org or at the Summit front desk. Cardboard Boat Race event fees are: \$10 for Summit Members; \$15 for Canton residents; and \$20 for non-residents. Awards will be given for the Most Creative and Fastest Boat, as well as the best Titanic. Struggling to find building materials? Join us on Wednesday, August 29 from 5 - 7 p.m., for a special building session where a \$12 materials fee will get you three rolls of duct tape and cardboard.

For additional information and race rules, visit www.summitonthepark.org or call 734/394-5460.

Important Canton Phone Numbers

Administration Building
734/394-5100

Public Safety (non-emergency)
734/394-5400

Supervisor's Office
734/394-5185

Clerk's Office
734/394-5120

Treasurer's Office
734/394-5130

Water Billing
734/394-5240

Summit on the Park
734/394-5460

Ordinance Enforcement
734/394-5335

GFL (refuse collection)
844/464-3587

Canton Public Library
734/397-0999

Village Theater at Cherry Hill
734/394-5300



Family Field Day and Movie in the Park

Families are invited to test their athletic prowess at the north end of Heritage Park on Friday, August 10, at 7 p.m. during this fun family health and wellness opportunity! All ages can participate in our Family Field Day featured events, such as old favorites like potato sack races, shoe kicks, three-legged races and wheelbarrow races.

No pre-registration required. The \$12 per family fee for Canton residents and \$14 per family for non-residents must be paid on-site; cash only.

Following the Family Field Day, participants can take in "Despicable Me 3" in the park on the big screen. Food, snacks, and popcorn will also be available for purchase on site. Can't make it to the Family Field Day? Just come for the FREE movie at dusk!

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

Dogs at Large

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.

To report a loose or unleashed dog, call the Canton Police Department at 734/394-5400.

**Don't forget to
Vote
on August 7**

Treasurer Slavens' Corner

Summer is upon us and you should have received your summer tax bill. If you have not, please contact my office. Summer tax payments can be paid through September 14, 2018, without interest or penalty. After this date an interest charge of 1% will be added per month.

There are a variety of ways to pay your property taxes. They include:

- At our 24-hour drop box: Located outside the main entrance of the Canton Administration Building. Please include the bill number or property tax ID number on your check. Please do not submit cash to the drop box.
- At the Treasurer's window: Monday - Friday, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30p.m.
- Online at www.canton-mi.org/296
- By mail: Send check/money order to:
Canton Township Treasurer
P.O.Box 87010
Canton, MI 48187

We accept cash, personal checks, bank checks, MasterCard, Discover and Visa. There is a \$3.95 charge for debit/credit card use under \$160 and a 2.5% charge for credit card payments over \$160. This charge is levied by the banks.

If you meet the following conditions, you may defer your property taxes, penalty-free, until February 14, 2019.

1. Age 62 or older (or the unmarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death); eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or an eligible widow or widower of a veteran or serviceperson; permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, or hemiplegic; AND total household income in the prior taxable year did not exceed \$40,000.

2. Property classified or used as agricultural property can also be eligible for deferment under specific conditions.

Please stop by the Treasurer's Office if you meet any of these conditions and we will prepare the Summer Tax Deferment form. You must bring proof of your total household income from 2017 (typically your 1040 form). Forms must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office no later than September 14, 2018.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to call the Treasurer's Office at 734/394-5130. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



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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

AUGUST

- 2** Thursday Night Concert. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 7** Board of Trustees Study Session. Canceled.
- 7** National Night Out. Heritage Park. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 9** Thursday Night Concert. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 9** Zoning Board of Appeals. 7 p.m.
- 10** Canton Clean-Up. Recycling Only. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 10** Family Field Day w/Movie in the Park. Heritage Park.
- 13** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 14** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 15** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 15** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit. Call 394-5185.
- 16** Thursday Night Concert. 7:30 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 21** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 25** Back to School Bash. 1 – 4 p.m. Heritage Park.
- 25** Canton Clean up and Recycling. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. 42100 Van Born.
- 28** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

AUGUST ART EXHIBITION:

“People See; People Do” by Kay Masini
Reception August 1 – free and open to the public. 7 – 9 p.m.

AUGUST 3, 5, 11, 16, 18

The Tempest--Michigan Shakespeare Festival. A stirring fairy tale of depraved royalty, foolish clowns, languishing lovers, and the quest to make things right in the face of terrible wrongs. Various times. \$16 - \$40.

AUGUST 4, 9, 10, 12, 18

The Rover--Michigan Shakespeare Festival. With duels and disguises, set against the backdrop of a nation-wide party, three couples navigate duty, conflict, jealousy, and love in this vibrant 1677 Restoration Comedy. Various times. \$16 - \$40.

AUGUST 4, 11, 17, 19

Measure for Measure--Michigan Shakespeare Festival. One of Shakespeare’s most problematic comedies, Measure for Measure rings true with legal, social, and political issues we are still battling today, all tempered with a darkly-comic wit. Various times. \$16 - \$40.

AUGUST 21-23

Canton Idol. BeckRidge Productions. 7:30 p.m. \$10 - \$12.

AUGUST 23

Rick and Dayna’s Fun House. 10:30 a.m. \$10.