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2020 Census reminder

This is a census year, and it is important to note that the census is much more than a head count. It provides a picture of our nation that helps determine where to build schools, hospitals and businesses. It determines how federal funding is distributed and how congressional seats are apportioned. It also helps to see how our community has changed over time, allowing us to adjust to the needs of our residents.

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. #BeCountedCanton.

Yard Waste collection begins next month

Curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 1 and continue until December 4. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse. Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separately from your refuse to avoid confusion during collection.

In addition, GFL Environmental USA will hold the first clean-up day of 2020 on Saturday, April 25, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at their facility located at 42100 Van Born Road.

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

Canton Road Improvement Program 2020 projects

The following is a list of Major Road Projects planned for 2020 construction:

- Canton Center Road/ Warren Road: The entire intersection as well as approximately 1,000 feet north of the intersection on Canton Center Road will be repaired.
- Haggerty Road: Base repairs from Hanford to Warren Roads.
- Haggerty Road: Base repairs from Palmer Road to Michigan Avenue.

In addition to the above major road projects, 29 subdivisions applied for and were chosen to take part in the local match program. A list of these subdivisions can be found at www.canton-mi.org/roads. While construction on these subdivisions will take place in 2020 and 2021, Canton is still soliciting project ideas from interested Homeowner Associations and resident groups to participate in 2021 and beyond. More information and an application to apply for the local match program can be found at www.canton-mi.org/roads.

For up-to-date information on road construction in Canton, residents are advised to follow Canton MSD on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cantonmsd and Twitter at www.twitter.com/cantonmsd.

Canton to host Community Forum on Water and Sewer Rates

In an effort to educate residents on water and sewer rates, Canton will hold a Study Session on Tuesday, March 24 from 6-7 pm in the Board Room of Canton's Administration Building.

The study session is designed to show residents how water and sewer rates are calculated and to answer questions regarding the 2020 rates. The session is free of charge and open to the public.

For more information, please call Canton's Public Works at 734/397-1011.

This Month in Canton

SHRED WELL

A message from Supervisor Williams



March's #LiveWellCanton2020 wellness theme is a focus on the importance of Eating for Wellness.

I'm writing about this as it is something that my wife and I are trying to incorporate more into our lives these days. So this month, we're focused on Mindful Eating, which means getting enough fruits and vegetables, watching portion size, and learning more about where our food comes from.

If this sounds like something that you and your family may be interested in, Canton's Leisure Services has many resources that can help. A great place to start is to shop this month's Indoor Farmers Market at the Summit on Sunday, March 22, which will include an opportunity for free Q&A with a dietician. Beaumont will also present a free seminar on Preventing Type 2 Diabetes through Nutrition on March 18 at 10:30 a.m. Also, Canton Leisure Services' social media pages will feature healthy recipes and cooking tips all month long.

With an end goal of helping all of our residents, family, and friends, live longer, more active lives, I invite you to join our Leisure Services folks this month and every month as we aim to #LiveWellCanton2020.

Find more details online at cantonfun.org and search for "Live Well Canton 2020," and follow on social media by liking the Canton Leisure Services Facebook page.

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Canton DDA to host Shredding Event on May 9

Canton's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will host a Shredding Day event on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. in the IKEA parking lot, located at 41640 Ford Road. This event is open to Canton residents only and ID will be required.

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. Please note, the two box/bag limit will be strictly enforced. All documents will be shredded on site and participants should be prepared for long lines as this is expected to be a high volume event.

For questions about the event please call the DDA office at 734/394-5184.

River Day set for May 19

Canton's annual River Day will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Flodin Park, located on Saltz Road at Morton Taylor Road. River Day is a celebration of the rivers in the southeast Michigan region. Every year, hundreds of volunteers make a difference by helping to preserve the quality of Canton's creeks and streams.



River Day takes place rain or shine and volunteers of all ages including residents, students and scout troops are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are asked to meet at Flodin Park promptly at 8 a.m. On-site activities will include volunteer cleaning work for all ages, birdhouse building, children's crafts and a mobile petting farm.

All volunteers will receive a light breakfast and lunch. River Day shirts will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on River Day or to pre-register for the event call 734/394-5150.



FOCUS on Leisure Services

'Cut Short' Veterans Memorial Garden

The Partnership for the Arts and Humanities has established a permanent outdoor memorial garden to honor those living and deceased who have served in the nation's armed forces, especially those whose lives were 'Cut Short.'

The installation, situated on the grounds of the Village Arts Factory, located directly next to the Veterans Dormitory at 250 Ridge Road South in Canton, consists of twenty-one 6-inch x 6-foot white posts placed in lines like the white crosses of Arlington National Cemetery. The posts are cut into various lengths representing those who served a full career and those whose lives were "cut short." Engraved plaques measuring 3.5 inches x 5 inches can be purchased for \$100 to honor friends and family.

To learn more about this memorial garden, designed by Pamela Alderman to honor all veterans living or deceased, or to purchase engraved plaques, visit <https://partnershipforarts.org/veterans-project/>

Mom to Mom sale

If you're looking for some great bargains, be sure to come to Canton Leisure Services Mom To Mom Sale on Saturday, March 21 at the Summit on the Park from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 from 8-9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org

Village Theater in the Spotlight

David Blaine calls Mario 'the best kids' magician in the world!!' Come see why on Sunday, March 29, at 3 p.m. As seen on Sesame Street and Sprout, Mario the Maker Magician is headed back to Canton this spring. More than just a performer, Mario is also an inventor who creates his own props. Known for his dedication to the Maker Movement and STEAM initiatives, Mario amazes audiences with his integration of DIY electronics and robotics into his performances and he never sacrifices the old school slapstick vibe that audiences so love.

This performance is ideal for children ages 3-10 and their families and is rated G, with an approximate run time of one hour. Tickets are \$15 - \$20 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at www.cantonvillagetheater.org, by phone at 734/394-5300, or in person Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill. For more information, call 734/394-5300.

Pheasant Run Golf Club update

Don't let the cold temperatures fool you, golf season is right around the corner! Come visit Pheasant Run Golf Club at the Michigan Golf Show in Novi from Friday, March 6 - Sunday, March 8. For details, check out: <http://michigangolfshow.com>. Stop in for great deals on clothing and apparel, as well as details on our upcoming season. Pheasant Run is scheduled to open in late March/early April - weather permitting. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 734/397-6460.

In the CLS Spotlight

Canton Leisure Services is hiring!

It's never too early to start thinking about a summer job. Canton Leisure Services is now hiring for seasonal part-time positions that are scheduled to start April-June, 2020, and run through the summer. If you enjoy a fast-paced, exciting work environment, don't miss this opportunity to join the Canton Leisure Services team this summer. Interviews will be conducted in March for most positions.

Apply now at <https://canton.applicantpro.com/jobs/>. Open positions may include: Teen Services Staff; Lifeguards; Summer Camp Counselors; Summer Camp Supervisors; Therapeutic Recreation Camp Staff; Park Laborers; Pheasant Run Golf Course Staff; Canton Sports Center Staff; and more! Canton Township is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

FOCUS on Leisure Services

Canton camp and class registration day

If you are looking to make great plans this summer for your children, look no further than Canton Leisure Services. Be sure to check out our summer programs for all ages and all interests during the Annual Camp and Class Registration Day on Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.

Stop in and learn about all of the fun day, week-long, and month-long summer camps, including: preschool camps, athletic camps, special needs programs, art and science camps, and much more. Most camp registrations begin online at www.cantonfun.org and at the Camp and Class Registration Day starting at 10 a.m. Make sure to sign up early, many camps fill up quickly.

Learn about available camps and classes online in the Spring/Summer 2019 Discover Brochure, which can be found at www.cantonfun.org. For additional information, call 734/394-5460.

Canton Historical Society seeks new museum director

The Canton Historical Society, a volunteer organization that is dedicated to the preservation of local historical information and resources in Canton, is currently accepting cover letters, resumes and contact information from Canton residents who are interested in filling the volunteer position of Canton Historical Museum Director. Responsibilities include the general leadership and management of the Historical Museum, ensuring efficient and effective museum operations and representing the Museum to the public. This individual would work closely with the Historical Society in developing and articulating the strategic direction of the Museum and in implementing the resulting strategies and initiatives. Interested individuals should email Canton Historical Society President Bill Tesen at btesen@wowway.com no later than Friday, April 17.

Easter Events coming in April

Bring the kids out to enjoy a variety of Easter and spring-themed activities at the Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 4, at the Summit on the Park! Join us indoors for fun activities, a visit with the Easter Bunny and much more! We will run continuous egg hunts between 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Fees are just \$5 per child for Canton residents or \$6 per child for non-residents. On-site registration. Cash only, please.

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



Adult Softball update

As the calendar edges closer to spring, it's time to reserve your spot in the Canton Sports Center Adult Softball's Co-Ed or Men's weekly double-header leagues. Sign on as a free agent or try our new Drop-in Play on Tuesdays and Fridays for softball fun. The fees include USSSA games, Worth Super Gold Dot softballs, practice time, awards and playoffs. Visit csc.canton-mi.org for details. Call 734/483-5600 to find out how your business can spend a day at the Park or to learn more about the Canton Sports Center's Banner Promo program.

Off-Season Farmers Market

Come enjoy an Indoor Off-Season Farmers Market on Sunday, March 22. Visit your favorite local vendors like: Boblin Honey, Pick MI, The Pasta Shop, and The Cheese People for your food and produce needs.

This Winter Market will be held from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Summit on the Park's banquet hall. Pick up some tasty lunch options from The Iron Food Truck, a Rally on Ridge food truck favorite, who will be serving up their waffle inspired dishes. Mark your calendar for the third Off-Season Market, which will be held on Sunday, April 26.

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



Senior Summit held on May 13

The 2020 Senior Summit will be held on Wednesday, May 13. Seniors can look forward to a variety of health screenings, presentations and vendor giveaways. And, as always, breakfast and lunch will be provided.

You will not need a ticket to attend this event, but **you must register with Canton's Senior Center** if you would like to attend. Registration will begin online or in person on Wednesday, February 26. Look for more details about the event in the April Focus.



Time to change

This year Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8. In addition to setting your clocks ahead one hour, Deputy Fire Chief Jamie Strassner encourages all Canton residents to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

"Batteries should be changed at least once a year," says Strassner. "Choosing an annual event such as Daylight Savings Time, is a great way to remember to complete this otherwise forgettable task."

It is a well known fact that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors save lives, and that you should have them installed on each floor of your residence and outside of each sleeping area. But these detectors are only as good as the battery working inside of them.

"Many homes have hard-wired detectors, but these devices still contain back-up batteries that need to be replaced," Strassner adds.

For more fire safety information, call the Fire Prevention Unit at 734/394-5456 or visit www.cantonpublicsafety.org.

The Michigan Philharmonic in your community

As a partner group of the Village Theater, the Michigan Philharmonic has been selling out shows to audience members for years. Recently performing the music of The Beatles to a sold-out house, the Michigan Phil offers two upcoming opportunities for audiences to enjoy some great jazz. All That Jazz: The Roaring Twenties and Beyond, featuring jazz guitarist Mimi Fox, takes place Saturday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 19 at 3 p.m. at the Village Theater. For tickets visit www.cantonvillage theater.org

Serving the Plymouth-Canton community, the Michigan Philharmonic provides unparalleled musical experiences. The orchestras' education program, CLASSical Music Outreach, is presented to third and fourth grade students, teaching about instruments and the sound they make, the composition process, and introducing them to composers and their works, meeting all music standards for elementary education in the state of Michigan.

Fair Housing presentation

On Thursday April 23, 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. Discrimination is illegal.

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

Please call Mike Sheppard at 734/394-5225 to register.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH

- 2** Planning Commission Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 3** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 4** Canton Newcomers and Neighbors. 6:30 p.m. Hanford Clubhouse. 45800 Hanford Road.
- 4** Historic District Commission. 7 p.m. Cherry Hill School .
- 7** Camp and Class Registration. 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit on the Park.
- 9** March Board of Review. 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- 10** March Board of Review. 1– 9 p.m.
- 10** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 11** March Board of Review. 1– 9 p.m.
- 17** DDA Board of Directors Meeting. 8 a.m.
- 17** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.
- 18** The Emergency Food Assistance Program. 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Summit Banquet Center.
- 18** Leisure Services Advisory Council. 7 p.m. Summit on the Park – Arts II.
- 21** Mom to Mom Sale. 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Summit on the Park – Gymnasium.
- 24** Board of Trustees Meeting. 7 p.m.
- 31** Board of Trustees Study Session. 6 p.m.

VILLAGE THEATER SCHEDULE

MARCH ART EXHIBITION

“When There Are Nine” featuring work by Sharlene Welton, Sylvia Ford, Patricia Izzo, Rose Lewandowski, Martine MacDonald, Valerie Mann, Charlene Uresy, Alga Washington, Sharlene Welton, and Jeni Wheeler. Reception March 8. Free and open to the public. 2– 5 p.m.

MARCH ART WORKSHOP

Flower Wreath Making Workshop – March 18, 6 p.m. \$20.

MARCH 7

Luck O’ the Arts. Reception at 6 p.m. Performance at 7 p.m. Partnership for the Arts. 7 p.m. \$15 - \$20.

MARCH 12-15

Jack and the Beanstalk. Spotlight Players. Thu - Sat at 7:30 p.m., Sat - Sun at 2 p.m. \$14 - \$16.

MARCH 14

Curtis on Tour. Chamber Music Society of Detroit. 7:30 p.m. \$10 - \$45.

MARCH 15

Aladdin. Sensory Sensitive Family Showing. 3 p.m. \$5.

MARCH 19

Tenors Un Limited – the Rat Pack of Opera present That’s Amoré! 7:30 p.m. \$20 - \$30.

MARCH 27-29

The Crucible. Horizon Performing Arts. Fri - Sat at 7 p.m., Sat - Sun at 2 p.m. \$15.

MARCH 28

Keyboardist James Lloyd of Pieces of a Dream WSG Phil Denny. 7 p.m. \$30 - \$45.