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As of this printing, all Canton facilities are closed through April 30, in alignment with the Governor's Executive Order. Please be advised that dated information in this issue is subject to change based on COVID-19 conditions and recommendations. Please check www.canton-mi.org regularly for Canton's most up-to-date information.

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How to wear cloth face coverings, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Cloth face coverings should—

- fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- be secured with ties or ear loops
- include multiple layers of fabric
- allow for breathing without restriction
- be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape



CDC guide on Homemade Cloth Face Coverings

CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Should cloth face coverings be washed or otherwise cleaned regularly? How regularly?

Yes. They should be routinely washed depending on the frequency of use.

How does one safely sterilize/clean a cloth face covering?

A washing machine should suffice in properly washing a cloth face covering.

How does one safely remove a used cloth face covering?

Individuals should be careful not to touch their eyes, nose, and mouth when removing their cloth face covering and wash hands immediately after removing.

Visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf> for instructions on how to make your own face covering.

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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Canton COVID-19 Resource Center: 734/394-5440

Canton has a COVID-19 Resource Center hotline intended to be used as a request for emergency resources for individuals who are homebound, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. Those needing assistance are encouraged to leave their name, phone number, and what assistance is being requested (i.e. food, toiletries, non-narcotic medical supplies, etc.). This line is not intended for medical advice or financial assistance.

The Center is also designed to receive and coordinate offers of help from those in the position to provide assistance. In order to respond to these requests, Canton Public Safety and representative volunteers are offering a 'porch pick-up' of non-perishable items at this time, including things like Ensure, as well as toiletries. If you are able to donate these items, please call 734/394-5440 or email leisure@canton-mi.org with your address. Volunteers will collect items from known addresses on Fridays, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A Resource Center representative will return each call, and all calls will be logged and tracked.

Liberty Fest canceled

The 29th Annual Canton Liberty Fest, scheduled from June 18-20, is officially canceled, as well as all special events scheduled through June 30. Please see inside for more Canton Leisure Services program updates.

May 16 River Day canceled

Due to social distancing restrictions, Canton's River Day celebration has been canceled. There are no plans to reschedule at this time.

Senior Summit postponed

Canton's Annual Senior Summit has been postponed until fall. No date has been set yet.

DDA Shred Event postponed

The Canton Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Shred Event has been rescheduled for Saturday, August 22, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in the IKEA parking lot.

Online COVID-19 Test Site Finder

The State of Michigan has set up an online resource for finding the nearest COVID-19 testing center at www.michigan.gov/coronavirus

1. If you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath, please contact your healthcare provider or telehealth program to discuss whether you should be evaluated for testing.
2. Each coronavirus test provider will determine if testing is appropriate based on your symptoms, risk factors and test availability.
3. Call the coronavirus test site before you go to learn about testing criteria, availability, and hours. This information is changing daily.

This Month in Canton

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A message from Supervisor Williams



This past month has brought with it a strange, new reality. However, even with all of the confusion and uncertainty that has been a part of our daily lives, there have been shining lights of positivity and grace in our community.

We have seen neighbors helping neighbors, volunteers reaching out to assist our seniors and shut-ins, and families staying at home and taking care of each other. We have also experienced incredible generosity through donations of time, food and toiletry items.

Never before have we seen the level of appreciation being shown to all of our essential workers: Police, Fire, Healthcare, Grocers, Garbage Collectors, DPW, and all of the others doing their part to keep us safe and healthy. They have kept us going day after day, and for that we are beyond thankful.

The benefit of these odd times is seeing what really matters. I could not be more proud of what we have done, and continue to do, as a community.

“No Wipes in the Pipes!”

We understand that there is a shortage of toilet paper right now; however, it is critical to the operation of our sewer system that you **DO NOT FLUSH WIPES OF ANY KIND** down the toilet.

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. Your compliance is greatly appreciated.

Have you completed the 2020 Census? It’s quick and easy!

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

What’s in it for me?

- Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.

- Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.

- Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it’s mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.

- Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Fill out the form at www.2020census.gov

Election and voting updates

The Clerk’s Office is preparing for the August Primary Election in light of the current public health emergency and is anticipating all potential scenarios. Voters are encouraged to take advantage of their constitutional right to vote by mail. Many voters have signed up to automatically receive an application for a ballot. If you would like to join the list, you may do so at VoteCanton.org. Applications will be mailed out mid-May and ballots will be mailed out at the end of June.

The date of the Primary is Tuesday, August 4, and voters have until 8 p.m. on Election Day to return their ballot. It is better to request a ballot earlier to allow for an appropriate amount of time to receive, vote, and return your ballot by mail. The Clerk’s Office has a drop box in the rear of the building to allow for individuals to return election material in person.

For more information, please call the Clerk’s Office at 734/394-5120.

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



Canton Leisure Services updates

Canton is committed to helping contain the spread of COVID-19. For this reason, the following programs and events have been canceled or postponed:

- Liberty Fest, scheduled from June 18-20, is canceled, as well as all special events through June 30.
- Senior Summit, scheduled for May 13 has been postponed until fall.

- Canton Sport Center leagues and programs, including adult softball, have been postponed until May 26.

- Pheasant Run Golf Club’s and Fellows Creek Golf Club’s opening dates will follow Michigan Executive Orders.

- Canton Farmers Market’s opening day, originally scheduled for Sunday, May 10, will be postponed until further notice.

- The opening of the Canton Community Gardens has been postponed until further notice.

- Thursday Night LIVE! Concert Series’ first concert, scheduled for June 25, has been postponed.

- Recreation-based classes and the start of Canton Summer Camp programs have been postponed and tentatively may resume the week of July 6.

- The B.L.O.C.K., as well as affiliated programs and services, are suspended through June 30.

- Summit on the Park swim lessons have been canceled through June 14.

- Summit on the Park memberships, including Kids’ Corner, will be suspended until further notice.

- Summit on the Park registered fitness classes have been suspended through June 20.

- Canton Club 55+ classes, events, and programs have been suspended through June 30.

- All activities held at the Village Theater have been canceled until further notice.

Please note: Individuals registered for a class, program, facility rental, or camp that was scheduled to be held now through July 3, but has been canceled or suspended will automatically be refunded. All parks and trails remain open. Playgrounds and park restrooms are closed until further notice. Canton urges all park users to follow proper CDC protocol and recommended social distancing guidelines. For more information, visit www.cantonfun.org or www.canton-mi.org/COVID19.

Treasurer Slavens’ Corner

While we are all dealing with the COVID-19 situation and our facility closures, I would like to remind residents that water bills can be paid by mail to P.O. Box 87680, Canton Michigan, 48188; the drop box located outside the main entrance to the Canton Administration Building, by phone IVR 833-697-1711, and online at www.canton-mi.org/979.

Also, due to the unique circumstances we are in, late fees will not be assessed for April water bills as long as full payment is received by Friday, May 29.

For new residents who want to drop off their Property Transfers and Principal Residence Exemptions, please place them in the drop box or mail to Canton Treasurer; P.O. Box 87010; Canton Township, Michigan, 48187.

Road Improvement and Sidewalk Programs delayed

Due to mandated social distancing restrictions, all pending sidewalk repairs with the Township, as well as the related public hearing, have been delayed.

All major and local road projects have also been delayed. Canton hopes to resume both programs once mandated restrictions are lifted and Canton facilities have re-opened to the public.

For up-to-date information on both programs, visit www.canton-mi.org or follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cantonmsd.

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